

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

## CHAPTER 469

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2923.1, relating to programs for impaired practitioners.*

[H 2806]

Approved March 16, 1997

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2923.1 as follows:**

*§ 54.1-2923.1. Programs for impaired practitioners.*

*A. The Board may implement an impaired practitioners program for persons regulated under this chapter. For this purpose, the Board may enter into contracts with a nonprofit corporation or professional organization which may include, but need not be limited to, the following components:*

- 1. A requirement that the contractor enter into contracts with providers of treatment;*
- 2. Evaluation of reports of suspected impairment;*
- 3. Intervention in cases of verified impairment;*
- 4. Referrals of impaired practitioners to treatment programs;*
- 5. Monitoring of the treatment and rehabilitation of impaired practitioners, including any practitioners ordered to enter the program by the Board;*
- 6. Post-treatment monitoring and support of rehabilitated impaired practitioners;*
- 7. Performance of such other activities as may be agreed upon by the Board; and*
- 8. Provision of prevention and education services.*

*B. Any contract executed pursuant to subsection A shall be financed by a surcharge on each license or certificate issued under this chapter. Such funds shall be used solely for the implementation of the impaired practitioners program.*