

# 1997 SESSION

INTRODUCED

973577100

## HOUSE BILL NO. 2806

Offered January 20, 1997

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

Patrons—Purkey, Cooper, Cox, Darner, Davies, Dudley, Ingram, McEachin, Melvin, Mims and Way;  
Senators: Houck, Howell, Lambert, Newman and Saslaw

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

### 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 of up to five dollars on each license or certificate issued under this chapter. Such funds shall be solely used for the implementation of the impaired practitioners program.

INTRODUCED

HB2806