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HOUSE BILL NO. 2806

House Amendments in [] — January 31, 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 used solely for the implementation of the impaired practitioners program.

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