

# 1999 SESSION

## HOUSE SUBSTITUTE

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1976

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
on February 6, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Darner)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3508 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensure of substance abuse counselors.*

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

**1. That § 54.1-3508 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

54.1-3508. Licensure of certain persons possessing substantially equivalent qualifications, education or experience.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 54.1-3507, (i) the Board may issue a license as a licensed substance abuse treatment practitioner to a person who, after the effective date of the regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 54.1-3505, has applied for such a license and who, in the judgment of the Board, possesses qualifications, education or experience substantially equivalent to the requirements of § 54.1-3507; however, any such applicant shall have completed at least one year of supervised clinical experience in substance abuse treatment, and (ii) for a period of time to be determined by the Board but not less than one year after the effective date of the regulations, the Board shall issue such a license to any such person who, in the judgment of the Board, possesses qualifications, education or experience acceptable to the Board and has completed at least one year of supervised clinical experience in substance abuse treatment.

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