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HOUSE BILL NO. 2444

House Amendments in [] — February 9, 1999

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-17 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the qualifications of the State Health Commissioner.

Patrons—Hamilton, Albo, Baker, Behm, Black, Blevins, Bloxom, Callahan, Cantor, Cox, Davis, Devolites, Guest, Harris, Jones, S.C., Katzen, Kilgore, Landes, McDonnell, McQuigg, O'Brien, Parrish, Purkey, Rollison, Ruff, Sherwood, Thomas, Wardrup, Weatherholtz and Wilkins

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 32.1-17 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-17. Appointment of Commissioner; qualifications; term.

A. There shall be a State Health Commissioner appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by each house of the General Assembly. The Commissioner shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in this Commonwealth and shall be certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine *or a recognized board in a primary care specialty [as approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties]*, experienced in public health duties, sanitary science and environmental health, and otherwise qualified to execute the duties incumbent upon him by law.

B. The Commissioner shall be appointed for a term coincident with that of the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

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