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**HOUSE BILL NO. 534** 

A BILL to amend the second enactment of Chapter 460 of the Acts of Assembly of 2001, relating to certification of substance abuse counselors.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That the second enactment of Chapter 460 of the Acts of Assembly of 2001 is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 2. That, notwithstanding the provisions of this act, the Board shall certify as a certified substance abuse counselor any person who files an application with the Board after July 1, 2001, but before the effective date of the new certification regulations to be promulgated by the Board pursuant to § 54.1-3505 if such person meets the certification requirements for certified substance abuse counselors in effect prior to July 1, 2001. Unless such certification later is suspended or revoked by the Board, such certification shall remain in effect until the effective date of the new certification regulations to be promulgated by the Board pursuant to § 54.1-3505, at which time the person shall be deemed to hold certification at the appropriate level under § 54.1-3507.1 or 54.1-3507.2, as determined by the Board.