

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2301 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board for Waterworks*  
3 *and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals; onsite sewage system*  
4 *installers.*

5 [S 662]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 54.1-2301 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 54.1-2301. Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System  
10 Professionals; membership; terms; duties.

11 A. The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System  
12 Professionals shall consist of 11 members as follows: the Director of the Office of Water Programs of  
13 the State Department of Health, or his designee, the Executive Director of the State Water Control  
14 Board, or his designee, a currently employed waterworks operator having a valid license of the highest  
15 classification issued by the Board, a currently employed wastewater works operator having a valid  
16 license of the highest classification issued by the Board, a faculty member of a state university or  
17 college whose principal field of teaching is management or operation of waterworks or wastewater  
18 works, a representative of an owner of a waterworks, a representative of an owner of a wastewater  
19 works, a licensed alternative onsite sewage system operator, a licensed alternative onsite sewage system  
20 installer, a licensed onsite soil evaluator, and one citizen member. The alternative onsite sewage system  
21 operator, alternative onsite sewage system installer, and onsite soil evaluator shall have practiced for at  
22 least five consecutive years immediately prior to appointment. No owner shall be represented on the  
23 Board by more than one representative or employee operator. The term of Board members shall be four  
24 years.

25 B. The Board shall examine waterworks and wastewater works operators and issue licenses. The  
26 licenses may be issued in specific operator classifications to attest to the competency of an operator to  
27 supervise and operate waterworks and wastewater works while protecting the public health, welfare and  
28 property and conserving and protecting the water resources of the Commonwealth.

29 C. The Board shall establish a program for licensing individuals as onsite soil evaluators, onsite  
30 sewage system installers, and onsite sewage system operators.

31 D. The Board, in consultation with the Board of Health, shall adopt regulations for the licensure of  
32 (i) onsite soil evaluators; (ii) installers of alternative onsite sewage systems, as defined in § 32.1-163;  
33 and (iii) operators of alternative onsite sewage systems, as defined in § 32.1-163. Such regulations shall  
34 include requirements for (a) minimum education and training, including approved training courses; (b)  
35 relevant work experience; (c) demonstrated knowledge and skill; (d) application fees to cover the costs  
36 of the program, renewal fees, and schedules; (e) the division of onsite soil evaluators into classes, one of  
37 which shall be restricted to the design of conventional onsite sewage systems; ~~and~~ (f) *the division of*  
38 *sewage system installers into classes, one of which shall be restricted to the installation of conventional*  
39 *onsite sewage systems; and* (g) other criteria the Board deems necessary.

40 E. *The Board shall not require applicants for initial licensure as a conventional onsite sewage*  
41 *system installer to pass an examination prior to issuance of such license provided that the applicant*  
42 *satisfactorily demonstrates to the Board that he has been actively engaged in performing the duties of a*  
43 *conventional onsite sewage system installer for at least eight years within the 12-year period*  
44 *immediately preceding the date of application for licensure.*

45 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2016.**