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HOUSE BILL NO. 2157

Offered January 11, 2023 Prefiled January 10, 2023

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2409.1:1, relating to interjurisdictional compacts; criminal history record checks.

Patron—Fariss

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 54.1-2409.1:1 as follows: § 54.1-2409.1:1. Interjurisdictional compacts; criminal history record checks.

If an interjurisdictional compact requires criminal history record checks as a condition of participation, the applicable health regulatory board shall require each applicant to submit to fingerprinting and provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded along with his fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information. The cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record search shall be paid by the applicant.

The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall forward the results of the state and federal criminal history record search to the applicable health regulatory board. If an applicant is denied licensure because of information appearing on his criminal history record and the applicant disputes the information upon which the denial was based, the Central Criminal Records Exchange shall, upon written request, furnish to the applicant the procedures for obtaining a copy of the criminal history record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Criminal Records Exchange. Information obtained pursuant to this section shall not be disseminated except as provided in this section.