

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 54.1 a section numbered  
3 54.1-205, relating to Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; universal license  
4 recognition.

5 [S 1213]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 54.1 a section numbered**  
9 **54.1-205 as follows:**

10 **§ 54.1-205. Universal license recognition.**

11 A. The regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation shall,  
12 upon application by an individual, recognize licenses or certificates issued by another state as  
13 fulfillment of qualifications for licensure or government certification in the Commonwealth if the  
14 following conditions are met:

15 1. The individual holds a current and valid professional or occupational license or government  
16 certification in another state in a profession or occupation with a similar scope of practice, as  
17 determined by the board in the Commonwealth;

18 2. The individual has held the professional or occupational license or government certification in the  
19 other state for at least three years;

20 3. The board in the other state or state of original licensure required the individual to pass an  
21 examination and to meet certain standards related to education, training, or experience;

22 4. There are no pending investigations or unresolved complaints against the individual, and the  
23 board in the other state holds the individual in good standing;

24 5. The individual does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the board in the  
25 Commonwealth in accordance with § 54.1-204;

26 6. No board in another state has imposed discipline on the licensee, except for discipline involving  
27 only a financial penalty and no harm to the health or economic well-being of the public; and

28 7. The individual pays all applicable fees.

29 B. The regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation shall,  
30 upon application by an individual, recognize work experience in another state as fulfillment of  
31 qualifications for licensure or government certification in the Commonwealth if the following conditions  
32 are met:

33 1. The individual worked in another state that does not use a professional or occupational license or  
34 government certification to regulate a profession or occupation, but the Commonwealth uses a  
35 professional or occupational license or government certification to regulate a profession or occupation  
36 with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the board;

37 2. The individual has worked in the profession or occupation for at least three years;

38 3. The individual passes any examination required by the board of applicants for licensure or  
39 certification; and

40 4. The individual satisfies the conditions outlined in subdivisions A 5, 6, and 7.

41 C. The regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation may  
42 require an individual seeking a professional or occupational licensure or government certification  
43 pursuant to this section to pass a jurisprudential examination specific to relevant state laws and  
44 administrative rules that regulate such profession or occupation if such an examination is required of  
45 other applicants for the same license or certification.

46 D. For purposes of this section, "other state" or "another state" means any state, territory,  
47 possession, or jurisdiction of the United States.

48 E. This section shall not apply to any professional services, as defined in § 2.2-4301.