

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

*An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-104 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Department of Health Professions; certain suspensions not considered disciplinary action.*

[H 120]

Approved

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

**1. That § 54.1-104 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 54.1-104. Suspension of license, certificate, registration, permit, or authority for dishonor of fee payment; reinstatement.**

The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Department of Health Professions may suspend the license, certificate, registration, permit, or authority it has issued any person who submits a check, money draft, or similar instrument for payment of a fee required by statute or regulation ~~which~~ *that* is not honored by the bank or financial institution named. The suspension shall become effective 10 days following delivery by certified mail of written notice of the dishonor and the impending suspension to such person's address. *However, such suspension shall only be reported as a suspension and shall not be considered or described as a disciplinary action by the board issuing such suspension.* Upon notification of suspension, the person may reinstate the license, certificate, registration, permit, or authority upon payment of the fee and penalties required under statute or regulation. Suspension under this provision shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).