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**HOUSE BILL NO. 621****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**(Proposed by the House Committee on General Laws  
on February 10, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cantor)

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 8.01-399, 8.01-581.13, 8.01-581.19, 8.01-581.19:1, 19.2-169.5, 19.2-182.2, 19.2-182.5, 19.2-182.8, 19.2-182.9, 19.2-264.3:1, 32.1-135.2, 37.1-186.1, 54.1-2900, as it is currently effective and as it will become effective, 54.1-2901, 54.1-2902, 54.1-2903, 54.1-2904, 54.1-2907, 54.1-2908, 54.1-2912, 54.1-2929, 54.1-2940, 54.1-3600, 54.1-3601, 54.1-3603, 54.1-3604, 54.1-3605, 54.1-3606, and 54.1-3608 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 36 of Title 54.1 sections numbered 54.1-3612 through 54.1-3616; and to repeal § 54.1-3607 the Code of Virginia, relating to professional regulation; practice of psychology; penalty.*

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

1. That §§ 8.01-399, 8.01-581.13, 8.01-581.19, 8.01-581.19:1, 19.2-169.5, 19.2-182.2, 19.2-182.5, 19.2-182.8, 19.2-182.9, 19.2-264.3:1, 32.1-135.2, 37.1-186.1, 54.1-2900, as it is currently effective and as it will become effective, 54.1-2901, 54.1-2902, 54.1-2903, 54.1-2904, 54.1-2907, 54.1-2908, 54.1-2912, 54.1-2929, 54.1-2940, 54.1-3600, 54.1-3601, 54.1-3603, 54.1-3604, 54.1-3605, 54.1-3606, and 54.1-3608 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 36 of Title 54.1 sections numbered 54.1-3612 through 54.1-3616 as follows:

§ 8.01-399. Communications between physicians and patients.

A. Except at the request or with the consent of the patient, no duly licensed practitioner of any branch of the healing arts shall be required to testify in any civil action, respecting any information which he may have acquired in attending, examining or treating the patient in a professional capacity.

B. Notwithstanding subsection A, when the physical or mental condition of the patient is at issue in a civil action, facts communicated to, or otherwise learned by, such practitioner in connection with such attendance, examination or treatment shall be disclosed but only in discovery pursuant to the Rules of Court or through testimony at the trial of the action. In addition, disclosure may be ordered when a court, in the exercise of sound discretion, deems it necessary to the proper administration of justice. However, no disclosure of facts communicated to, or otherwise learned by, such practitioner shall occur if the court determines, upon the request of the patient, that such facts are not relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action or do not appear to be reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

C. This section shall not (i) be construed to repeal or otherwise affect the provisions of § 65.2-607 relating to privileged communications between physicians and surgeons and employees under the Workers' Compensation Act or (ii) apply to information communicated to any such practitioner in an effort unlawfully to procure a narcotic drug, or unlawfully to procure the administration of any such drug.

D. Neither a lawyer, nor anyone acting on the lawyer's behalf, shall obtain, in connection with pending or threatened litigation, information from a practitioner of any branch of the healing arts without the consent of the patient except through discovery pursuant to the Rules of the Court as herein provided.

E. A clinical psychologist duly licensed under the provisions of ~~§ 54.1-2940~~ Chapter 36 (*§ 54.1-3600 et seq.*) of Title 54.1 shall be considered a practitioner of a branch of the healing arts within the meaning of this section.

F. Nothing herein shall prevent a duly licensed practitioner of the healing arts from disclosing any information which he may have acquired in attending, examining or treating a patient in a professional capacity where such disclosure is necessary in connection with the care of the patient, the protection or enforcement of the practitioner's legal rights including such rights with respect to medical malpractice actions, or the operations of a health care facility or health maintenance organization or in order to comply with state or federal law.

§ 8.01-581.13. Civil immunity for certain health professionals and health profession students serving as members of certain entities.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, "health professional" means any certified substance abuse counselor, clinical psychologist, ~~licensed~~ *applied* psychologist, ~~licensed~~ school psychologist, dentist, licensed professional counselor, optometrist, physician, chiropractor, podiatrist, or veterinarian who is actively engaged in the practice of his profession.

Unless such act, decision, or omission resulted from such health professional's bad faith or malicious

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60 intent, any health professional, as defined in this subsection, shall be immune from civil liability for any  
61 act, decision or omission resulting from his duties as a member or agent of any entity which functions  
62 primarily (i) to investigate any complaint that a physical or mental impairment, including alcoholism or  
63 drug addiction, has impaired the ability of any such health professional to practice his profession and (ii)  
64 to encourage, recommend and arrange for a course of treatment, if deemed appropriate, or (iii) to review  
65 the duration of patient stays in health facilities or delivery of professional services for the purpose of  
66 promoting the most efficient use of available health facilities and services, the adequacy and quality of  
67 professional services, or the reasonableness or appropriateness of charges made by or on behalf of such  
68 health professionals. Such entity shall have been established pursuant to a federal or state law, or by one  
69 or more public or licensed private hospitals, or a relevant health professional society, academy or  
70 association affiliated with the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the  
71 American Pharmaceutical Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Podiatric  
72 Medical Association, the American Society of Hospitals and Pharmacies, the American Veterinary  
73 Medical Association, the American Association for Counseling and Development, the American  
74 Optometric Association, International Chiropractic Association, the American Chiropractic Association or  
75 a governmental agency.

76 B. Unless such act, decision, or omission resulted from such pharmacist's or nurse's bad faith or  
77 malicious intent, any licensed pharmacist or nurse who is actively engaged in the practice of his  
78 profession shall be immune from civil liability for any act, decision or omission resulting from his  
79 duties while serving as a member or agent of any entity which functions primarily (i) to investigate any  
80 complaint that a physical or mental impairment, including alcoholism or drug addiction, has impaired the  
81 ability of any pharmacist or nurse to practice his profession and (ii) to encourage, recommend and  
82 arrange for a course of treatment, if deemed appropriate.

83 C. For the purposes of this subsection, "health profession student" means a student in good standing  
84 who is enrolled in an accredited school, program, or curriculum in clinical psychology, dentistry,  
85 medicine, nursing, pharmacy, chiropractic, substance abuse counseling, or veterinary medicine and has  
86 received training relating to substance abuse.

87 Unless such act, decision, or omission resulted from such health profession student's bad faith or  
88 malicious intent, any health profession student, as defined in this subsection, shall be immune from civil  
89 liability for any act, decision, or omission resulting from his duties as a member of an entity established  
90 by the institution of higher education in which he is enrolled or a professional student's organization  
91 affiliated with such institution which functions primarily (i) to investigate any complaint of a physical or  
92 mental impairment, including alcoholism or drug addiction, of any health profession student and (ii) to  
93 encourage, recommend, and arrange for a course of treatment, if deemed appropriate.

94 D. The immunity provided hereunder shall not extend to any person with respect to actions, decisions  
95 or omissions, liability for which is limited under the provisions of the federal Social Security Act or  
96 amendments thereto.

97 § 8.01-581.19. Civil immunity for physicians, psychologists, podiatrists, optometrists, veterinarians  
98 and nursing home administrators while members of certain committees.

99 A. Any physician, chiropractor, ~~clinical~~ psychologist, podiatrist, veterinarian or optometrist licensed  
100 to practice in this Commonwealth shall be immune from civil liability for any communication, finding,  
101 opinion or conclusion made in performance of his duties while serving as a member of any committee,  
102 board, group, commission or other entity that is responsible for resolving questions concerning the  
103 admission of any physician, ~~clinical~~ psychologist, podiatrist, veterinarian or optometrist to, or the taking  
104 of disciplinary action against any member of, any medical society, academy or association affiliated with  
105 the American Medical Association, the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists ~~or~~, the American  
106 Psychological Association, *the Applied Psychology Academy, the Virginia Academy of School*  
107 *Psychologists*, the American Podiatric Medical Association, the American Veterinary Medical  
108 Association, the International Chiropractic Association, the American Chiropractic Association, the  
109 Virginia Chiropractic Association, or the American Optometric Association; provided that such  
110 communication, finding, opinion or conclusion is not made in bad faith or with malicious intent.

111 B. Any nursing home administrator licensed under the laws of this Commonwealth shall be immune  
112 from civil liability for any communication, finding, opinion, decision or conclusion made in performance  
113 of his duties while serving as a member of any committee, board, group, commission or other entity that  
114 is responsible for resolving questions concerning the admission of any health care facility to, or the  
115 taking of disciplinary action against any member of, the Virginia Health Care Association, provided that  
116 such communication, finding, opinion, decision or conclusion is not made in bad faith or with malicious  
117 intent.

118 § 8.01-581.19:1. Civil immunity for persons providing information to certain committees.

119 Any person who provides information to any committee, board, group, commission, or other entity  
120 which is authorized to investigate any complaint of physical or mental impairment, that may show that  
121 any practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, optometry, chiropractic, podiatry, clinical psychology, physical

therapy, veterinary medicine or any physical therapist assistant is unable to practice his profession with reasonable skill and safety, by reason of the use of alcohol, drugs, or other substances, or as a result of any mental or physical condition, shall be immune from civil liability for any act done for, or any utterance or communication made to, such entity in the course of providing such information. However, this section shall not apply if the act, utterance, or communication is done or made in bad faith or with malicious intent or if such disclosure is prohibited by federal law or regulations promulgated thereunder.

The provisions of this section shall apply only to such entities described in this section as are (i) established pursuant to a federal or state law, (ii) established and duly constituted by one or more public or licensed private hospitals, (iii) a medical or chiropractic society that is operating its health care provider impairment program in cooperation with the Board of Medicine, or another governmental agency, (iv) an optometric society or association that is operating its optometric impairment program in cooperation with the Virginia Board of Optometry, (v) a veterinary medical association that is operating its veterinarian impairment program in cooperation with the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine, or (vi) a clinical psychology academy that is operating its clinical psychology impairment program in cooperation with the Board of Medicine Psychology.

§ 19.2-169.5. Evaluation of sanity at the time of the offense; disclosure of evaluation results.

A. Raising issue of sanity at the time of offense; appointment of evaluators. - If, at any time before trial, the court finds, upon hearing evidence or representations of counsel for the defendant, that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant's sanity will be a significant factor in his defense and that the defendant is financially unable to pay for expert assistance, the court shall appoint one or more qualified mental health experts to evaluate the defendant's sanity at the time of the offense and, where appropriate, to assist in the development of an insanity defense. Such mental health expert shall be (i) a psychiatrist, a licensed clinical psychologist, a licensed psychologist registered with the Board of Psychology with a specialty in clinical services, or an individual with a doctorate degree in clinical psychology who has successfully completed forensic evaluation training as approved by the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and (ii) qualified by specialized training and experience to perform forensic evaluations. The defendant shall not be entitled to a mental health expert of his own choosing or to funds to employ such expert.

B. Location of evaluation. - The evaluation shall be performed on an outpatient basis, at a mental health facility or in jail, unless the court specifically finds that outpatient services are unavailable, or unless the results of the outpatient evaluation indicate that hospitalization of the defendant for further evaluation of his sanity at the time of the offense is necessary. If either finding is made, the court, under authority of this subsection, may order that the defendant be sent to a hospital designated by the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services as appropriate for evaluation of the defendant under criminal charge. The defendant shall be hospitalized for such time as the director of the hospital deems necessary to perform an adequate evaluation of the defendant's sanity at the time of the offense, but not to exceed thirty days from the date of admission to the hospital.

C. Provision of information to evaluators. - The court shall require the party making the motion for the evaluation, and such other parties as the court deems appropriate, to provide to the evaluators appointed under subsection A any information relevant to the evaluation, including, but not limited to (i) copy of the warrant or indictment; (ii) the names and addresses of the attorney for the Commonwealth, the attorney for the defendant and the judge who appointed the expert; (iii) information pertaining to the alleged crime, including statements by the defendant made to the police and transcripts of preliminary hearings, if any; (iv) a summary of the reasons for the evaluation request; (v) any available psychiatric, psychological, medical or social records that are deemed relevant; and (vi) a copy of the defendant's criminal record, to the extent reasonably available.

D. The report. - The evaluators shall prepare a full report concerning the defendant's sanity at the time of the offense, including whether he may have had a significant mental disease or defect which rendered him insane at the time of the offense. The report shall be prepared within the time period designated by the court, said period to include the time necessary to obtain and evaluate the information specified in subsection C.

E. Disclosure of evaluation results. - The report described in subsection D shall be sent solely to the attorney for the defendant and shall be deemed to be protected by the lawyer-client privilege. However, the Commonwealth shall be given the report, the results of any other evaluation of the defendant's sanity at the time of the offense, and copies of psychiatric, psychological, medical, or other records obtained during the course of any such evaluation, after the attorney for the defendant gives notice of an intent to present psychiatric or psychological evidence pursuant to § 19.2-168.

§ 19.2-182.2. Verdict of acquittal by reason of insanity to state the fact; temporary custody and evaluation.

When the defense is insanity of the defendant at the time the offense was committed, the jurors shall be instructed, if they acquit him on that ground, to state the fact with their verdict. The court shall place

the person so acquitted ("the acquittee") in temporary custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (hereinafter referred to in this chapter as the "Commissioner") for evaluation as to whether the acquittee may be released with or without conditions or requires commitment. The evaluation shall be conducted by (i) one psychiatrist and (ii) one licensed clinical psychologist or licensed psychologist registered with the Board of Psychology with a specialty in clinical services. The psychiatrist or *clinical* psychologist shall be skilled in the diagnosis of mental illness and mental retardation and qualified by training and experience to perform such evaluations. The Commissioner shall appoint both evaluators, at least one of whom shall not be employed by the hospital in which the acquittee is primarily confined. The evaluators shall determine whether the acquittee is currently mentally ill or mentally retarded and shall assess the acquittee and report on his condition and need for hospitalization with respect to the factors set forth in § 19.2-182.3. The evaluators shall conduct their examinations and report their findings separately within forty-five days of the Commissioner's assumption of custody. Copies of the report shall be sent to the acquittee's attorney, the attorney for the Commonwealth for the jurisdiction where the person was acquitted and the community services board serving the locality where the acquittee was acquitted. If either evaluator recommends conditional release or release without conditions of the acquittee, the court shall extend the evaluation period to permit the hospital in which the acquittee is confined and the appropriate community services board to jointly prepare a conditional release or discharge plan, as applicable, prior to the hearing.

§ 19.2-182.5. Review of continuation of confinement hearing; procedure and reports; disposition.

A. The committing court shall conduct a hearing twelve months after the date of commitment to assess each confined acquittee's need for inpatient hospitalization. A hearing for assessment shall be conducted at yearly intervals for five years and at biennial intervals thereafter. The court shall schedule the matter for hearing as soon as possible after it becomes due, giving the matter priority over all pending matters before the court.

B. Prior to the hearing, the Commissioner shall provide to the court a report evaluating the acquittee's condition and recommending treatment, to be prepared by a psychiatrist or a psychologist. The psychologist who prepares the report shall be qualified as a licensed clinical psychologist or licensed psychologist registered with the Board of Psychology with a specialty in clinical services, and any evaluating psychiatrist or *clinical* psychologist shall be skilled in the diagnosis of mental illness and qualified by training and experience to perform forensic evaluations. If the examiner recommends release or the acquittee requests release, the acquittee's condition and need for inpatient hospitalization shall be evaluated by a second person with such credentials who is not currently treating the acquittee. A copy of any report submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be sent to the attorney for the Commonwealth for the jurisdiction from which the acquittee was committed.

C. The acquittee shall be provided with adequate notice of the hearing, of the right to be present at the hearing, the right to the assistance of counsel in preparation for and during the hearing, and the right to introduce evidence and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing. Written notice of the hearing shall be provided to the attorney for the Commonwealth for the committing jurisdiction. The hearing is a civil proceeding.

According to the determination of the court following the hearing, and based upon the report and other evidence provided at the hearing, the court shall (i) release the acquittee from confinement if he does not need inpatient hospitalization and does not meet the criteria for conditional release set forth in § 19.2-182.7, provided the court has approved a discharge plan prepared jointly by the hospital staff and the appropriate community services board; (ii) place the acquittee on conditional release if he meets the criteria for conditional release, and the court has approved a conditional release plan prepared jointly by the hospital staff and the appropriate community services board; or (iii) order that he remain in the custody of the Commissioner if he continues to require inpatient hospitalization based on consideration of the factors set forth in § 19.2-182.3.

§ 19.2-182.8. Revocation of conditional release.

If at any time the court which released an acquittee pursuant to § 19.2-182.7 finds reasonable ground to believe that an acquittee on conditional release (i) has violated the conditions of his release or is no longer a proper subject for conditional release based on application of the criteria for conditional release and (ii) requires inpatient hospitalization, it may order an evaluation of the acquittee by a psychiatrist, licensed or clinical psychologist, or licensed psychologist registered with the Board of Psychology with a specialty in clinical services, provided the psychiatrist or *clinical* psychologist is qualified by training and experience to perform forensic evaluations. If the court, based on the evaluation and after hearing evidence on the issue, finds by a preponderance of the evidence that an acquittee on conditional release (i) has violated the conditions of his release or is no longer a proper subject for conditional release based on application of the criteria for conditional release and (ii) is mentally ill or mentally retarded and requires inpatient hospitalization, the court may revoke the acquittee's conditional release and order him returned to the custody of the Commissioner.

At any hearing pursuant to this section, the acquittee shall be provided with adequate notice of the

hearing, of the right to be present at the hearing, the right to the assistance of counsel in preparation for and during the hearing, and the right to introduce evidence and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing. Written notice of the hearing shall be provided to the attorney for the Commonwealth for the committing jurisdiction. The hearing is a civil proceeding.

§ 19.2-182.9. Emergency custody of conditionally released acquittee.

When exigent circumstances do not permit compliance with revocation procedures set forth in § 19.2-182.8, any judge as defined in § 37.1-1 or a magistrate may issue an emergency custody order, upon the sworn petition of any responsible person or upon his own motion based upon probable cause to believe that an acquittee on conditional release (i) has violated the conditions of his release or is no longer a proper subject for conditional release and (ii) requires inpatient hospitalization. The emergency custody order shall require the acquittee within his judicial district to be taken into custody and transported to a convenient location where a person designated by the community services board who is skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness shall evaluate such acquittee and assess his need for inpatient hospitalization. A law-enforcement officer who, based on his observation or the reliable reports of others, has probable cause to believe that any acquittee on conditional release has violated the conditions of his release and is no longer a proper subject for conditional release and requires emergency evaluation to assess the need for inpatient hospitalization, may take the acquittee into custody and transport him to an appropriate location to assess the need for hospitalization without prior judicial authorization. The evaluation shall be conducted immediately. The acquittee shall remain in custody until a temporary detention order is issued or until he is released, but in no event shall the period of custody exceed four hours. If it appears from all evidence readily available (i) that the acquittee has violated the conditions of his release or is no longer a proper subject for conditional release and (ii) that he requires emergency evaluation to assess the need for inpatient hospitalization, the judge as defined in § 37.1-1, or magistrate upon the advice of such person skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, may issue an order of temporary detention authorizing the executing officer to place the acquittee in an appropriate institution for a period not to exceed forty-eight hours prior to a hearing. If the forty-eight-hour period terminates on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the acquittee may be detained until the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, but in no event may he be detained for longer than seventy-two hours or ninety-six hours when the legal holiday occurs on a Monday or Friday. For purposes of this section, a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday shall be deemed to include the time period up to 8 a.m. of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

The committing court or any judge as defined in § 37.1-1 shall have jurisdiction to hear the matter. Prior to the hearing, the acquittee shall be examined by a psychiatrist, *or* licensed clinical psychologist, ~~or licensed psychologist registered with the Board of Psychology with a specialty in clinical services,~~ provided the psychiatrist or *clinical* psychologist is skilled in the diagnosis of mental illness, who shall certify whether the person is in need of hospitalization. At the hearing the acquittee shall be provided with adequate notice of the hearing, of the right to be present at the hearing, the right to the assistance of counsel in preparation for and during the hearing, and the right to introduce evidence and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing. Following the hearing, if the court determines, based on a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing, that the acquittee (i) has violated the conditions of his release or is no longer a proper subject for conditional release and (ii) is mentally ill or mentally retarded and is in need of inpatient hospitalization, the court shall revoke the acquittee's conditional release and place him in the custody of the Commissioner. When an acquittee on conditional release pursuant to this chapter is taken into emergency custody, detained or hospitalized, such action shall be considered to have been taken pursuant to this section, notwithstanding the fact that his status as an insanity acquittee was not known at the time of custody, detention or hospitalization. Detention or hospitalization of an acquittee pursuant to provisions of law other than those applicable to insanity acquittees pursuant to this chapter shall not render the detention or hospitalization invalid. If a person's status as an insanity acquittee on conditional release is not recognized at the time of emergency custody or detention, at the time his status as such is verified, the provisions applicable to such persons shall be applied and the court hearing the matter shall notify the committing court of the proceedings.

§ 19.2-264.3:1. Expert assistance when defendant's mental condition relevant to capital sentencing.

A. Upon (i) motion of the attorney for a defendant charged with or convicted of capital murder and (ii) a finding by the court that the defendant is financially unable to pay for expert assistance, the court shall appoint one or more qualified mental health experts to evaluate the defendant and to assist the defense in the preparation and presentation of information concerning the defendant's history, character, or mental condition, including (i) whether the defendant acted under extreme mental or emotional disturbance at the time of the offense; (ii) whether the capacity of the defendant to appreciate the criminality of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law was significantly impaired at the time of the offense; and (iii) whether there are any other factors in mitigation relating to the history or character of the defendant or the defendant's mental condition at the time of the offense.

306 The mental health expert appointed pursuant to this section shall be (i) a psychiatrist, a licensed clinical  
307 psychologist, a licensed psychologist registered with the Board of Psychology with a specialty in clinical  
308 services, or an individual with a doctorate degree in clinical psychology who has successfully completed  
309 forensic evaluation training as approved by the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and  
310 Substance Abuse Services and (ii) qualified by specialized training and experience to perform forensic  
311 evaluations. The defendant shall not be entitled to a mental health expert of the defendant's own  
312 choosing or to funds to employ such expert.

313 B. Evaluations performed pursuant to subsection A may be combined with evaluations performed  
314 pursuant to § 19.2-169.5 and shall be governed by subsections B and C of § 19.2-169.5.

315 C. The expert appointed pursuant to subsection A shall submit to the attorney for the defendant a  
316 report concerning the history and character of the defendant and the defendant's mental condition at the  
317 time of the offense. The report shall include the expert's opinion as to (i) whether the defendant acted  
318 under extreme mental or emotional disturbance at the time of the offense, (ii) whether the capacity of  
319 the defendant to appreciate the criminality of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements  
320 of the law was significantly impaired, and (iii) whether there are any other factors in mitigation relating  
321 to the history or character of the defendant or the defendant's mental condition at the time of the  
322 offense.

323 D. The report described in subsection C shall be sent solely to the attorney for the defendant and  
324 shall be protected by the attorney-client privilege. However, the Commonwealth shall be given the report  
325 and the results of any other evaluation of the defendant's mental condition conducted relative to the  
326 sentencing proceeding and copies of psychiatric, psychological, medical or other records obtained during  
327 the course of such evaluation, after the attorney for the defendant gives notice of an intent to present  
328 psychiatric or psychological evidence in mitigation pursuant to subsection E.

329 E. In any case in which a defendant charged with capital murder intends, in the event of conviction,  
330 to present testimony of an expert witness to support a claim in mitigation relating to the defendant's  
331 history, character or mental condition, he or his attorney shall give notice in writing to the attorney for  
332 the Commonwealth, at least twenty-one days before trial, of his intention to present such testimony. In  
333 the event that such notice is not given and the defendant tenders testimony by an expert witness at the  
334 sentencing phase of the trial, then the court may, in its discretion, upon objection of the Commonwealth,  
335 either allow the Commonwealth a continuance or, under appropriate circumstances, bar the defendant  
336 from presenting such evidence.

337 F. 1. If the attorney for the defendant gives notice pursuant to subsection E and the Commonwealth  
338 thereafter seeks an evaluation concerning the existence or absence of mitigating circumstances relating to  
339 the defendant's mental condition at the time of the offense, the court shall appoint one or more qualified  
340 experts to perform such an evaluation. The court shall order the defendant to submit to such an  
341 evaluation, and advise the defendant on the record in court that a refusal to cooperate with the  
342 Commonwealth's expert could result in exclusion of the defendant's expert evidence. The qualification of  
343 the experts shall be governed by subsection A. The location of the evaluation shall be governed by  
344 subsection B of § 19.2-169.5. The attorney for the Commonwealth shall be responsible for providing the  
345 experts the information specified in subsection C of § 19.2-169.5. After performing their evaluation, the  
346 experts shall report their findings and opinions and provide copies of psychiatric, psychological, medical  
347 or other records obtained during the course of the evaluation to the attorneys for the Commonwealth and  
348 the defense.

349 2. If the court finds, after hearing evidence presented by the parties, out of the presence of the jury,  
350 that the defendant has refused to cooperate with an evaluation requested by the Commonwealth, the  
351 court may admit evidence of such refusal or, in the discretion of the court, bar the defendant from  
352 presenting his expert evidence.

353 G. No statement or disclosure by the defendant made during a competency evaluation performed  
354 pursuant to § 19.2-169.1, an evaluation performed pursuant to § 19.2-169.5 to determine sanity at the  
355 time of the offense, treatment provided pursuant to § 19.2-169.2 or § 19.2-169.6 or a capital sentencing  
356 evaluation performed pursuant to this section, and no evidence derived from any such statements or  
357 disclosures may be introduced against the defendant at the sentencing phase of a capital murder trial for  
358 the purpose of proving the aggravating circumstances specified in § 19.2-264.4. Such statements or  
359 disclosures shall be admissible in rebuttal only when relevant to issues in mitigation raised by the  
360 defense.

361 § 32.1-135.2. Offer or payment of remuneration in exchange for referral prohibited.

362 No hospital licensed pursuant to this chapter shall knowingly and willfully offer or pay any  
363 remuneration directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, to induce any practitioner of the healing arts or  
364 any clinical psychologist to refer an individual or individuals to such hospital. The Board shall adopt  
365 regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall be developed  
366 in conjunction with the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board  
367 and shall be consistent with regulations adopted by such Board pursuant to § 37.1-186.1. Such

regulations shall exclude from the definition of "remuneration" any payments, business arrangements, or payment practices not prohibited by Title 42, Section 1320a-7b (b) of the United States Code, as amended, or any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

§ 37.1-186.1. Offer or payment of remuneration in exchange for referral prohibited.

No facility or institution licensed pursuant to this chapter shall knowingly and willfully offer or pay any remuneration directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, to induce any practitioner of the healing arts or any clinical psychologist to refer an individual or individuals to such facility or institution. The Board shall adopt regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall be developed in conjunction with the State Board of Health and shall be consistent with regulations adopted by such Board pursuant to § 32.1-135.2. Such regulations shall exclude from the definition of "remuneration" any payments, business arrangements, or payment practices not prohibited by Title 42, Section 1320a-7b (b) of the United States Code, as amended, or any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

§ 54.1-2900. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Acupuncturist" means individuals approved by the Board to practice acupuncture. This is limited to "licensed acupuncturist" which means an individual other than a doctor of medicine, osteopathy or podiatry, who has successfully completed the requirements for licensure established by the Board (approved titles are limited to: Licensed Acupuncturist, Lic.Ac., L.Ac.) and "physician acupuncturist" which means doctors of medicine, osteopathy and podiatry who have fulfilled the physician requirements for licensure to practice acupuncture established by the Board.

"Auricular acupuncture" means the subcutaneous insertion of sterile, disposable acupuncture needles in predetermined, bilateral locations in the outer ear when used exclusively and specifically in the context of an approved chemical dependency treatment program, under the appropriate supervision of a licensed physician acupuncturist or licensed acupuncturist.

"Board" means the Board of Medicine.

"Certified optometrist" means an optometrist who is licensed under Chapter 32 of this title and who has successfully completed the requirements for certification established by the Board of Medicine. Such certification shall enable an optometrist to treat certain diseases, including abnormal conditions, of the human eye and its adnexa, as specified by the Board of Medicine, with certain therapeutic pharmaceutical agents specified by the Board. However, such certification shall not permit treatment through surgery or other invasive modalities.

"Clinical psychologist" means a psychologist who is competent in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and amelioration of psychological problems, behavioral or emotional disorders or conditions or mental conditions, by the application of psychological principles, psychological methods, or psychological procedures, including but not limited to psychological assessment and evaluation and psychotherapy, which does not amount to the practice of medicine. This definition shall not be construed to limit or restrict any person licensed by a health regulatory board as defined in § 54.1-2500 from rendering services which he is licensed to provide.

"Healing arts" means the arts and sciences dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure or alleviation of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities.

"Practice of acupuncture" means the stimulation of certain points on or near the surface of the body by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological functions, including pain control, for the treatment of certain ailments or conditions of the body and includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping and moxabustion. The practice of acupuncture does not include the use of physical therapy, chiropractic, osteopathic manipulative techniques, the use or prescribing of any drugs, medications, herbal preparations, nutritional supplements, serums or vaccines, nor the procedure of auricular acupuncture as exempted in § 54.1-2901 when used specifically and exclusively in the context of a publicly supported comprehensive drug treatment program by an employee of the program who is trained and approved by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association.

"Practice of chiropractic" means the adjustment of the twenty-four movable vertebrae of the spinal column, and assisting nature for the purpose of normalizing the transmission of nerve energy, but does not include the use of surgery, obstetrics, osteopathy or the administration or prescribing of any drugs, medicines, serums or vaccines.

"Practice of clinical psychology" means the offering by an individual of his services to the public as a clinical psychologist.

"Practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine" means the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities by any means or method.

"Practice of physical therapy" means, upon medical referral and direction, the evaluation, testing, treatment, reeducation and rehabilitation by physical, mechanical or electronic measures and procedures

429 of individuals who, because of trauma, disease or birth defect, present physical and emotional disorders,  
430 but does not include the use of Roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes or the  
431 use of electricity for shock therapy and surgical purposes including cauterization.

432 "Practice of podiatry" means the medical, mechanical and surgical treatment of the ailments of the  
433 human foot and ankle, but does not include amputation proximal to the metatarsal-phalangeal joints. The  
434 Board of Medicine shall determine whether a specific type of treatment of the foot and ankle is within  
435 the scope of practice of podiatry.

436 § 54.1-2900. (Effective January 1, 1997) Definitions.

437 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

438 "Acupuncturist" means individuals approved by the Board to practice acupuncture. This is limited to  
439 "licensed acupuncturist" which means an individual other than a doctor of medicine, osteopathy or  
440 podiatry, who has successfully completed the requirements for licensure established by the Board  
441 (approved titles are limited to: Licensed Acupuncturist, Lic.Ac., L.Ac.) and "physician acupuncturist"  
442 which means doctors of medicine, osteopathy and podiatry who have fulfilled the physician requirements  
443 for licensure to practice acupuncture established by the Board.

444 "Auricular acupuncture" means the subcutaneous insertion of sterile, disposable acupuncture needles  
445 in predetermined, bilateral locations in the outer ear when used exclusively and specifically in the  
446 context of an approved chemical dependency treatment program, under the appropriate supervision of a  
447 licensed physician acupuncturist or licensed acupuncturist.

448 "Board" means the Board of Medicine.

449 "Certified optometrist" means an optometrist who is licensed under Chapter 32 (§ 54.1-3200 et seq.)  
450 of this title and who has successfully completed the requirements for certification established by the  
451 Board of Medicine. Such certification shall enable an optometrist to treat certain diseases, including  
452 abnormal conditions, of the human eye and its adnexa, as specified by the Board of Medicine, with  
453 certain therapeutic pharmaceutical agents specified by the Board. However, such certification shall not  
454 permit treatment through surgery or other invasive modalities.

455 "Clinical psychologist" means a psychologist who is competent in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment  
456 and amelioration of psychological problems, behavioral or emotional disorders or conditions or mental  
457 conditions, by the application of psychological principles, psychological methods, or psychological  
458 procedures, including but not limited to psychological assessment and evaluation and psychotherapy,  
459 which does not amount to the practice of medicine. This definition shall not be construed to limit or  
460 restrict any person licensed by a health regulatory board as defined in § 54.1-2500 from rendering  
461 services which he is licensed to provide.

462 "Healing arts" means the arts and sciences dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure  
463 or alleviation of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities.

464 "Practice of acupuncture" means the stimulation of certain points on or near the surface of the body  
465 by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological  
466 functions, including pain control, for the treatment of certain ailments or conditions of the body and  
467 includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping and moxabustion. The practice of acupuncture  
468 does not include the use of physical therapy, chiropractic, osteopathic manipulative techniques, the use  
469 or prescribing of any drugs, medications, herbal preparations, nutritional supplements, serums or  
470 vaccines, nor the procedure of auricular acupuncture as exempted in § 54.1-2901 when used specifically  
471 and exclusively in the context of a publicly supported comprehensive drug treatment program by an  
472 employee of the program who is trained and approved by the National Acupuncture Detoxification  
473 Association.

474 "Practice of chiropractic" means the adjustment of the twenty-four movable vertebrae of the spinal  
475 column, and assisting nature for the purpose of normalizing the transmission of nerve energy, but does  
476 not include the use of surgery, obstetrics, osteopathy or the administration or prescribing of any drugs,  
477 medicines, serums or vaccines.

478 "Practice of clinical psychology" means the offering by an individual of his services to the public as  
479 a clinical psychologist.

480 "Practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine" means the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of  
481 human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities by any means or method.

482 "Practice of physical therapy" means, upon medical referral and direction, the evaluation, testing,  
483 treatment, reeducation and rehabilitation by physical, mechanical or electronic measures and procedures  
484 of individuals who, because of trauma, disease or birth defect, present physical and emotional disorders,  
485 but does not include the use of Roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes or the  
486 use of electricity for shock therapy and surgical purposes including cauterization.

487 "Practice of podiatry" means the medical, mechanical and surgical treatment of the ailments of the  
488 human foot and ankle, but does not include amputation proximal to the metatarsal-phalangeal joints. The  
489 Board of Medicine shall determine whether a specific type of treatment of the foot and ankle is within  
490 the scope of practice of podiatry.



"Practice of radiologic technology" means the application of x-rays to human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

"Radiologic technologist" means an individual, other than a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or chiropractic, or a dentist licensed pursuant to Chapter 27 (§ 54.1-2700 et seq.) of this title, who (i) performs, may be called upon to perform, or who is licensed to perform a comprehensive scope of diagnostic radiologic procedures employing equipment which emits ionizing radiation and (ii) is delegated or exercises responsibility for the operation of radiation-generating equipment, the shielding of patient and staff from unnecessary radiation, the appropriate exposure of radiographs or other procedures which contribute to any significant extent to the site or dosage of ionizing radiation to which a patient is exposed.

"Radiologic technologist, limited" means an individual, other than a licensed radiologic technologist, dental hygienist or who is otherwise authorized by the Board of Dentistry under Chapter 27 of this title and the regulations pursuant thereto, who performs diagnostic radiographic procedures employing equipment which emits ionizing radiation which is limited to specific areas of the human body.

§ 54.1-2901. Exceptions and exemptions generally.

The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent or prohibit:

1. Any person entitled to practice his profession under any prior law on June 24, 1944, from continuing such practice within the scope of the definition of his particular school of practice;

2. Any person licensed to practice naturopathy prior to June 30, 1980, from continuing such practice in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board;

3. Any licensed nurse practitioner from rendering care under the supervision of a duly licensed physician when such services are authorized by regulations promulgated jointly by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing;

4. Any registered professional nurse, registered midwife, licensed nurse practitioner, graduate laboratory technician or other technical personnel who have been properly trained from rendering care or services within the scope of their usual professional activities which shall include the taking of blood, the giving of intravenous infusions and intravenous injections, and the insertion of tubes when performed under the orders of a person licensed to practice medicine;

5. Any dentist, pharmacist or optometrist from rendering care or services within the scope of his usual professional activities;

6. Any practitioner licensed or certified by the Board from delegating to personnel in his personal employ and supervised by him, such activities or functions as are nondiscretionary and do not require the exercise of professional judgment for their performance and which are usually or customarily delegated to such persons by practitioners of the healing arts, if such activities or functions are authorized by and performed for such practitioners of the healing arts and responsibility for such activities or functions is assumed by such practitioners of the healing arts;

7. The rendering of medical advice or information through telecommunications from a physician licensed to practice medicine in Virginia or an adjoining state to emergency medical personnel acting in an emergency situation;

8. The domestic administration of family remedies;

9. The giving or use of massages, steam baths, dry heat rooms, infrared heat or ultraviolet lamps in public or private health clubs and spas;

10. The manufacture or sale of proprietary medicines in this Commonwealth by licensed pharmacists or druggists;

11. The advertising or sale of commercial appliances or remedies;

12. The fitting by nonitinerant persons or manufacturers of artificial eyes, limbs or other apparatus or appliances or the fitting of plaster cast counterparts of deformed portions of the body by a nonitinerant bracemaker or prosthetist for the purpose of having a three-dimensional record of the deformity, when such bracemaker or prosthetist has received a prescription from a licensed physician directing the fitting of such casts and such activities are conducted in conformity with the laws of Virginia;

13. Any person from the rendering of first aid or medical assistance in an emergency in the absence of a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy under the provisions of this chapter;

14. The practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministration to the sick and suffering by mental or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy, whether gratuitously or for compensation;

15. Any legally qualified out-of-state or foreign practitioner from meeting in consultation with legally licensed practitioners in this Commonwealth;

16. Any practitioner of the healing arts licensed or certified and in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in another state or Canada when that practitioner of the healing arts is in Virginia temporarily and such practitioner has been issued a temporary license or certification by the Board from practicing medicine or the duties of the profession for which he is licensed or certified (i) in a summer

552 camp or in conjunction with patients who are participating in recreational activities, (ii) while  
553 participating in continuing educational programs prescribed by the Board, or (iii) by rendering at any  
554 site any health care services within the limits of his license, voluntarily and without compensation, to  
555 any patient of any clinic which is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services  
556 without charge as provided in § 54.1-106;

557 17. The performance of the duties of any commissioned or contract medical officer, physical  
558 therapist, *or* podiatrist, ~~or clinical psychologist~~ in active service in the army, navy, coast guard, marine  
559 corps, air force, or public health service of the United States while such individual is so commissioned  
560 or serving;

561 18. Any masseur, who publicly represents himself as such, from performing services within the scope  
562 of his usual professional activities and in conformance with state law;

563 19. Any person from performing services in the lawful conduct of his particular profession or  
564 business under state law;

565 20. Any person from rendering emergency care pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-225;

566 21. Qualified emergency medical personnel from following Emergency Medical Services Do Not  
567 Resuscitate Orders in accordance with § 54.1-2987.1;

568 22. Any visiting or home care nurse licensed by the Board of Nursing acting in compliance with the  
569 written order of the attending physician not to resuscitate a patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory  
570 arrest; or

571 23. Any commissioned or contract medical officer of the army, navy, coast guard or air force  
572 rendering services voluntarily and without compensation while deemed to be licensed pursuant  
573 § 54.1-106.

574 24. Any provider of a chemical dependency treatment program who is certified as an "acupuncture  
575 detoxification specialist" by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association or an equivalent  
576 certifying body, from administering auricular acupuncture treatment under the appropriate supervision of  
577 a licensed physician acupuncturist or licensed acupuncturist.

578 § 54.1-2902. Unlawful to practice without license.

579 It shall be unlawful for any person to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, podiatry,  
580 physical therapy, ~~clinical psychology~~ or as a physical therapist's, physician's or podiatrist's assistant in  
581 the Commonwealth without a valid unrevoked license issued by the Board of Medicine.

582 § 54.1-2903. What constitutes practice.

583 Any person shall be regarded as practicing the healing arts who actually engages in such practice as  
584 defined in this chapter, or who opens an office for such purpose, or who advertises or announces to the  
585 public in any manner a readiness to practice or who uses in connection with his name the words or  
586 letters "Doctor," "Dr.," "M.D.," "D.O.," "D.P.M.," "D.C.," "Healer," "Physical Therapist," "R.P.T.,"  
587 "P.T.," "L.P.T.A.," "~~Clinical Psychologist~~," or any other title, word, letter or designation intending to  
588 designate or imply that he is a practitioner of the healing arts or that he is able to heal, cure or relieve  
589 those suffering from any injury, deformity or disease. No person regulated under this chapter shall use  
590 the title "Doctor" or the abbreviation "Dr." in writing or in advertising in connection with his practice  
591 unless he simultaneously uses a clarifying title, initials, abbreviation or designation or language that  
592 identifies the type of practice for which he is licensed.

593 Signing a birth or death certificate, or signing any statement certifying that the person so signing has  
594 rendered professional service to the sick or injured, or signing or issuing a prescription for drugs or  
595 other remedial agents, shall be prima facie evidence that the person signing or issuing such writing is  
596 practicing the healing arts within the meaning of this chapter except where persons other than physicians  
597 are required to sign birth certificates.

598 § 54.1-2904. Biennial renewal of licenses; copies; fee; lapsed licenses; reinstatement; penalties.

599 A. Every license to practice medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, *or* physical therapy, ~~or~~  
600 ~~clinical psychology~~ granted under the provisions of this chapter shall be renewed biennially as  
601 prescribed by the Board. The Board shall mail an application for renewal of a license to every licensee.  
602 Failure to receive such an application shall not excuse any licensee from the requirements of renewal.  
603 The person receiving such application shall furnish the information requested and return the form to the  
604 Board with the prescribed renewal fee. Copies of licenses may be obtained as provided in the Board's  
605 regulations.

606 B. Any licensee who allows his license to lapse by failing to renew the license or failing to meet  
607 professional activity requirements stipulated in the regulations may be reinstated by the Board upon  
608 submission of evidence satisfactory to the Board that he is prepared to resume practice in a competent  
609 manner and upon payment of the prescribed fee.

610 C. Any person practicing medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, *or* physical therapy ~~or clinical~~  
611 ~~psychology~~ during the time his license has lapsed shall be considered an illegal practitioner and shall be  
612 subject to the penalties for violation of this chapter.

613 § 54.1-2907. Practitioners treating other practitioners for certain disorders to make reports; immunity

from liability.

A. Every practitioner of the healing arts in the Commonwealth licensed or certified by a health regulatory board who treats professionally any person licensed by the Board of Dentistry, the Board of Medicine, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Pharmacy or the Board of Psychology or certified by a health regulatory board shall, unless exempted by subsection C hereof, report to the appropriate board whenever any such health professional is:

1. Treated for mental, emotional or personality disorders, unless the attending practitioner has determined that there is a reasonable probability that the person being treated is competent to continue in practice or would not constitute a danger to himself or to the health and welfare of his patients or the public; or

2. Treated for drug addiction or chronic alcoholism.

Any report required by this section shall be in writing directed to the appropriate board, shall give the name and address of the person who is the subject of the report and shall fully describe the circumstances surrounding the facts required to be reported.

*treated for mental disorders, chemical dependency or alcoholism, unless the attending practitioner has determined that there is a reasonable probability that the person being treated is competent to continue in practice or would not constitute a danger to himself or to the health and welfare of his patients or the public.*

B. Any person making a report required by this section or testifying in a judicial or administrative proceeding as a result of such report shall be immune from any civil liability alleged to have resulted therefrom unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious intent.

C. Medical records or information learned or maintained in connection with an alcohol or drug abuse prevention function which is conducted, regulated, or directly or indirectly assisted by any department or agency of the United States shall be exempt from the reporting requirements of this section to the extent that such reporting is in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 1175(a), 42 U.S.C. § 4582(a), or regulations promulgated thereunder.

§ 54.1-2908. Reports of disciplinary action against health professionals; immunity from liability.

A. The president of the Medical Society of Virginia, the Osteopathic Medical Association, the Virginia Chiropractors Association, Inc., the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists, the Virginia Psychological Association (regarding clinical psychologists only), the Virginia Podiatric Medical Association and the Virginia Physical Therapy Association shall report to the Board of Medicine any disciplinary action taken by his organization against any member of his organization licensed under this chapter if such disciplinary action is a result of conduct involving professional ethics, professional incompetence, moral turpitude, drug addiction or alcohol abuse.

B. The president of any association, society, academy or organization shall report to the Board of Medicine any disciplinary action taken against any of its members licensed under this chapter if such disciplinary action is a result of conduct involving professional ethics, professional incompetence, moral turpitude, drug addiction or alcohol abuse.

C. Any report required by this section shall be in writing directed to the Board of Medicine, shall give the name and address of the person who is the subject of the report and shall fully describe the circumstances surrounding the facts required to be reported.

D. Any person making a report required by this section or testifying in a judicial or administrative proceeding as a result of such report shall be immune from any civil liability resulting therefrom unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious intent.

E. In the event that any organization enumerated in subsection A above or any component thereof receives a complaint against one of its members, such organization may, in lieu of considering disciplinary action against such member, request that the Board investigate the matter pursuant to this chapter, in which event any person participating in the decision to make such a request or testifying in a judicial or administrative proceeding as a result of such request shall be immune from any civil liability alleged to have resulted therefrom unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious intent.

§ 54.1-2929. Licenses required.

No person shall practice or hold himself out as qualified to practice medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry or clinical psychology without obtaining a license from the Board of Medicine as provided in this chapter.

§ 54.1-2940. License to practice clinical psychology; certification of training.

Upon receipt of an application to practice clinical psychology, with a recommendation from the Board of Psychology that such license be issued, the Board shall, in the absence of good cause to the contrary, issue a license to the applicant. The Board may review any application for licensure, including the credentials of the applicant, and independently determine whether to issue a license to the applicant. Any refusal to issue such license shall be accompanied by a statement in writing of the reason therefor shall appoint a committee which shall consist of five members to be chosen as follows: (i) the clinical

psychologist member of the Board who shall serve as the chair of the committee, (ii) two members shall be appointed by the Board from among its members, and (iii) two members shall be appointed by the Board from a list submitted by the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists.

The Board of Psychology shall promulgate regulations establishing the requirements for licensure of clinical psychologists. All regulations shall include appropriate emphasis and experience in the diagnosis and treatment of persons with moderate and severe mental disorders. In promulgating these regulations, the Board of Psychology shall collaborate with the committee established in this section.

§ 54.1-3600. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Applied psychologist" means an individual licensed to practice applied psychology.

"Board" means the Board of Psychology.

"Certified sex offender treatment provider" means a person who is certified to provide treatment to sex offenders and who provides such services in accordance with the provisions of §§ 54.1-2924.1, 54.1-3005, 54.1-3505, 54.1-3609, 54.1-3610, 54.1-3611, and 54.1-3705 and the regulations promulgated pursuant to these provisions.

"Clinical psychologist" means a psychologist who is competent in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and amelioration of psychological problems, behavioral or emotional disorders or conditions or mental conditions, by the application of psychological principles, psychological methods, or psychological procedures including but not limited to psychological assessment and evaluation and psychotherapy, which does not amount to the practice of medicine. This definition shall not be construed to limit or restrict any person licensed by a health regulatory board as defined in § 54.1-2500 from rendering services which they are licensed to provide an individual licensed to practice clinical psychology.

"Practice of applied psychology" means application of the principals and methods of psychology to improvement of organizational function, personnel selection and evaluation, program planning and implementation, individual motivation, development and behavioral adjustment, as well as consultation on teaching and research.

"Practice of clinical psychology" means the offering by an individual of his services to the public as a clinical psychologist includes, but is not limited to:

1. "Testing and measuring" which consists of the psychological evaluation or assessment of personal characteristics such as intelligence, abilities, interests, aptitudes, achievements, motives, personality dynamics, psychoeducational processes, neuropsychological functioning, or other psychological attributes of individuals or groups.

2. "Diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders" which consists of the appropriate diagnosis of mental disorders according to standards of the profession and the ordering or providing of treatments according to need. Treatment includes providing counseling, psychotherapy, marital/family therapy, group therapy, behavior therapy, psychoanalysis, hypnosis, biofeedback, and other psychological interventions with the objective of modification of perception, adjustment, attitudes, feelings, values, self-concept, personality or personal goals, the treatment of alcoholism and substance abuse, disorders of habit or conduct, as well as of the psychological aspects of physical illness, pain, injury or disability.

3. "Psychological consulting" which consists of interpreting or reporting on scientific theory or research in psychology, rendering expert psychological or clinical psychological opinion, evaluation, or engaging in applied psychological research, program or organizational development, administration, supervision or evaluation of psychological services.

"Practice of psychology" means the rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organizations, or the general public any service involving the application of principles, methods or procedures of the science and profession of psychology, and which includes, but is not limited to:

1. "Measuring and testing," which consists of the psychological assessment and evaluation of abilities, attitudes, aptitudes, achievements, adjustments, motives, personality dynamics or other psychological attributes of individuals, or groups of individuals by means of standardized measurements or other methods, techniques or procedures recognized by the science and profession of psychology.

2. "Counseling and psychotherapy," which consists of the application of principles of learning and motivation in an interpersonal situation with the objectives of modification of perception and adjustment, consisting of highly developed skills, techniques, and methods of altering through learning processes, attitudes, feelings, values, self-concept, personal goals and adaptive patterns.

3. "Psychological consulting," which consists of interpreting or reporting upon scientific fact or theory in psychology, rendering expert psychological opinion, psychological evaluation, or engaging in applied psychological research practice of applied psychology, clinical psychology or school psychology.

The "practice of school psychology" means the rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organizations, government agents or the public any of the following services:

1. "Testing and measuring" which consists of psychological assessment, evaluation and diagnosis relative to the assessment of intellectual ability, aptitudes, achievement, adjustment, motivation,

personality or any other psychological attribute of persons as individuals or in groups that directly relates to learning or behavioral problems in an educational setting that impact education.

2. "Counseling" which consists of professional advisement and interpretive services with children or adults for amelioration or prevention of educationally related problems *problems that impact education.*

Counseling services relative to the practice of school psychology include but are not limited to the procedures of verbal interaction, interviewing, behavior modification, environmental manipulation and group processes.

Counseling services relative to the practice of school psychology are short-term and are situation oriented.

3. "Consultation" which consists of educational or vocational consultation or direct educational services to schools, agencies, organizations or individuals. ~~Consultation~~ *Psychological consulting* as herein defined is directly related to learning problems and related adjustments.

4. Development of programs such as designing more efficient and psychologically sound classroom situations and acting as a catalyst for teacher involvement in adaptations and innovations.

"Psychologist" means a person trained in the application of established principles of learning, motivation, perception, thinking and emotional relationships to problems of personality evaluation, group relations, and behavior adjustment *licensed to practice school, applied or clinical psychology.*

"School psychologist" means a person who specializes in problems manifested in and associated with educational systems and who utilizes psychological concepts and methods in programs or actions which attempt to improve learning conditions for students or who is employed in this capacity by a public or nonprofit educational institution or who offers to render such services to the public whether or not employed by such an institution *licensed by the Board of Psychology to practice school psychology.*

§ 54.1-3601. Exemption from requirements of licensure.

The requirements for licensure provided for in this chapter shall not be applicable to:

1. Persons who render services that are like or similar to those falling within the scope of the classifications or categories in this chapter, so long as the recipients or beneficiaries of such services are not subject to any charge or fee, or any financial requirement, actual or implied, and the person rendering such service is not held out, by himself or otherwise, as a licensed practitioner *or a provider of clinical or school psychology services.*

2. The activities or services of a student pursuing a course of study in psychology ~~or school psychology~~ in an institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Board or under the supervision of a practitioner licensed or certified under this chapter, if such activities or services constitute a part of his course of study and are adequately supervised.

3. The activities of rabbis, priests, ministers or clergymen of any religious denomination or sect when such activities are within the scope of the performance of their regular or specialized ministerial duties, and no separate charge is made or when such activities are performed, whether with or without charge, for or under auspices or sponsorship, individually or in conjunction with others, of an established and legally cognizable church, denomination or sect, and the person rendering service remains accountable to its established authority.

4. Persons employed as salaried employees or volunteers of the federal government, the Commonwealth, a locality, or of any agency established or funded, in whole or part, by any such governmental entity or of a private, nonprofit organization or agency sponsored or funded, in whole or part, by a community-based citizen group or organization, except that any such person who renders psychological services, as defined in this chapter, shall be (i) supervised by a licensed psychologist or clinical psychologist; (ii) ~~certified~~ *licensed* by the Department of Education as a school psychologist; or (iii) employed by a school for students with disabilities which is certified by the Board of Education. Any person who, in addition to the above enumerated employment, engages in an independent private practice shall not be exempt from the licensure requirements.

5. Persons regularly employed by private business firms as personnel managers, deputies or assistants so long as their counseling activities relate only to employees of their employer and in respect to their employment.

6. Any psychologist holding a license or certificate in another state, the District of Columbia, or United States territory or foreign jurisdiction consulting with licensed psychologists in this Commonwealth.

7. Any psychologist holding a license or certificate in another state, the District of Columbia, or United States territory or foreign jurisdiction when in Virginia temporarily and such psychologist has been issued a temporary license by the Board to participate in continuing education programs or rendering psychological services without compensation to any patient of any clinic which is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services without charge as provided in § 54.1-106.

8. The performance of the duties of any commissioned or contract clinical psychologist in active service in the army, navy, coast guard, marine corps, air force, or public health service of the United

798 *States while such individual is so commissioned or serving.*

799 9. *Any person from performing services in the lawful conduct of his particular profession or business*  
800 *under state law.*

801 § 54.1-3603. Board of Psychology; membership.

802 The Board of Psychology shall regulate the practice of psychology ~~and school psychology~~. The  
803 membership of the Board shall be representative of the practices of psychology and shall consist of  
804 ~~seven~~ *nine* members as follows: ~~two~~ *five* persons who are licensed as psychologists and also licensed by  
805 the Board of Medicine as clinical psychologists, one person licensed as a school psychologist, one  
806 person licensed as a *an applied* psychologist ~~who specializes in counseling psychology~~, ~~one other person~~  
807 ~~licensed as a psychologist~~, and two citizen members. At least one of the ~~five professional~~ *seven*  
808 *psychologist* members of the Board shall be a member of the faculty at an accredited college or  
809 university in this Commonwealth actively engaged in teaching psychology. The terms of the members of  
810 the Board shall be four years.

811 § 54.1-3604. Nominations.

812 Nominations for professional members may be made from a list of at least three names for each  
813 vacancy submitted to the Governor by the Virginia Psychological Association, the Virginia Academy of  
814 Clinical Psychologists, the ~~Virginia Counseling Psychologists Association~~ *Applied Psychology Academy*  
815 and the Virginia ~~Association~~ *Academy* of School Psychologists. The Governor may notify such  
816 organizations of any professional vacancy other than by expiration. In no case shall the Governor be  
817 bound to make any appointment from among the nominees.

818 § 54.1-3605. Specific powers and duties of the Board.; penalty.

819 In addition to the powers granted in § 54.1-2400, the Board shall have the following specific powers  
820 and duties:

821 1. To cooperate with and maintain a close liaison with other professional boards and the community  
822 to ensure that regulatory systems stay abreast of community and professional needs.

823 2. To conduct inspections to ensure that licensees conduct their practices in a competent manner and  
824 in conformance with the relevant regulations.

825 3. To designate specialties within the profession.

826 4. To issue a temporary license *for such periods as the Board may prescribe* to practice psychology  
827 to persons who are engaged in a residency *or pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 54.1-3601*.

828 5. (Effective until July 1, 1999) To promulgate regulations for the voluntary certification of licensees  
829 as sex offender treatment providers. In promulgating such regulations, the Board shall consider the  
830 standards recommended by the Advisory Committee on Certified Practices pursuant to § 54.1-3610. The  
831 provisions of this subdivision shall expire on July 1, 1999.

832 6. (Effective until July 1, 1999) To administer the mandatory certification of sex offender treatment  
833 providers for those professionals who are otherwise exempt from licensure under subdivision 4 of  
834 §§ 54.1-3501, 54.1-3601 or § 54.1-3701 and to promulgate regulations governing such mandatory  
835 certification. The regulations shall include provisions for fees for application processing, certification  
836 qualifications, certification issuance and renewal and disciplinary action. The provisions of this  
837 subdivision shall expire on July 1, 1999.

838 7. *The Board may suspend the license of any person licensed hereunder, without a hearing*  
839 *simultaneously with the institution of proceedings for a hearing, if it finds that there is a substantial*  
840 *danger to the public health or safety which warrants this action. The Board may meet by telephone*  
841 *conference call when summarily suspending a license, if a good faith effort to assemble a quorum of the*  
842 *Board has failed and, in the judgment of a majority of the members of the Board, the continued practice*  
843 *of psychology by the practitioner constitutes a substantial danger to the public health or safety.*  
844 *Institution of proceedings for a hearing shall be provided simultaneously with the summary suspension.*  
845 *The hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of the date of the summary suspension.*

846 § 54.1-3606. License required.

847 In order to engage in the practice of *applied* psychology, school psychology, or clinical psychology,  
848 it shall be necessary to hold a license.

849 § 54.1-3608. License as clinical psychologist.

850 The candidate for licensure as a clinical psychologist shall be recommended after investigation and  
851 examination by the Board of Psychology to Any certificate signed by the Board as evidence of licensure  
852 as a clinical psychologist shall incorporate a statement indicating that standards of practice and  
853 regulations governing licensure requirements have been developed in collaboration with the Board of  
854 Medicine for licensure and subsequent regulation.

855 § 54.1-3612. Confidentiality of investigative information required.

856 A. Any reports, information or records received and maintained by the Board in connection with  
857 possible disciplinary proceedings, including any material received or developed by the Board during an  
858 investigation or hearing, shall be strictly confidential. However, the Board may only disclose any such  
859 confidential information:

1. In a disciplinary hearing before the Board or in any subsequent trial or appeal of a Board action or order;

2. To licensing or disciplinary authorities of other jurisdictions, faculty committees at accredited institutions or hospital committees located within or outside this Commonwealth which are concerned with granting, limiting or denying hospital or teaching privileges if a final determination regarding a violation of this chapter has been made;

3. Pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or

4. To qualified personnel for bona fide research or educational purposes, if personally identifiable information relating to any patient or psychologist is first deleted and a final determination regarding a violation of this chapter has been made.

B. Orders of the Board relating to disciplinary action against a psychologist are not required to be confidential.

C. In no event shall confidential information received, maintained or developed by the Board, or disclosed by the Board to others, pursuant to this section be available for discovery or court subpoena or introduced into evidence in any medical malpractice suit or other action for damages arising out of the provision of or failure to provide health care services. However, this section shall not be construed to inhibit an investigation or prosecution under Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq. ) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2.

D. Any person found guilty of the unlawful disclosure of such confidential information possessed by the Board shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

E. Any claim of patient privilege shall not prevail in any investigation or proceeding by the Board acting within the scope of its authority. However, the disclosure of any information pursuant to this provision shall not be deemed a waiver of such privilege in any other proceeding.

F. This section shall not prohibit the Director of the Department of Health Professions, after consultation with the Board president or his designee, from disclosing to the Attorney General or the appropriate attorney for the Commonwealth, investigatory information which indicates a possible violation of any provision of law relating to the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, prescribing or administration of drugs other than drugs classified as Schedule VI drugs and devices by any individual licensed or otherwise regulated by the Board of Psychology.

§ 54.1-3613. Psychological practices audit committee; function and powers; immunity from civil liability.

A. Whenever restrictions have been placed on the license of a psychologist subsequent to a finding that the practitioner has violated the provisions of this chapter, the Board may appoint a psychological practice audit committee. The audit committee shall review the practice of the disciplined licensee to ascertain whether his practice conforms to the conditions placed on his license by the Board.

B. The committee shall consist of three licensed psychologists. No more than one such practitioner shall have his principal office in the city or county in which the complaint resulting in the disciplinary action arose or the disciplined licensee practices or resides. Such appointments may be made from a list of practitioners who have agreed to serve on such committees. In maintaining the list the Board shall give due regard to the nature of the practice of the practitioner who is the subject of the disciplinary action. The Board shall designate one member of each committee as chairman. No person appointed to serve on a malpractice review panel shall be eligible to serve on a psychological practices audit committee if in that capacity he has reviewed a claim or investigated a complaint brought against the disciplined licensee.

C. The committee shall have full power, as designee of the Board, to subpoena the person who is the subject of the audit and other witnesses to take evidence and to require the production of any documents, records or other materials which it deems relevant to its review. In case of refusal by any person to obey a subpoena or other order issued by the committee or the Board, a court of record, upon application by the Board, may issue an order requiring the person, under such conditions as it deems just, to appear before the Board or committee, to produce documentary evidence, or to give other evidence concerning the matter under review. Proceedings before an audit committee shall be in accordance with rules established by the committee. Testimony before the committee need not be recorded.

D. A member of an audit committee may be called as a witness in a subsequent hearing before the Board. A member of the psychological practice audit committee shall have immunity from civil liability resulting from any communication, findings, opinion, or conclusion made in the course of his duties as a member of the committee unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious intent.

§ 54.1-3614. Delegation to unlicensed persons.

Any licensed psychologist may delegate to unlicensed personnel supervised by him such activities or functions as are nondiscretionary and do not require the exercise of professional judgment for their performance and which are usually or customarily delegated to such persons by psychologists, if such

921 activities or functions are authorized by and performed for such psychologist and responsibility for such  
922 activities or functions is assumed by such psychologist.

923 § 54.1-3615. Physical or mental illness, examination.

924 The Board may direct any licensee under a disciplinary order to furnish it as such intervals as it  
925 may require, evidence that he is not practicing his profession in violation of law or regulation. In  
926 addition, when the Board has probable cause to believe the licensee is unable to practice with  
927 reasonable skill and safety to patients because of excessive use of alcohol or drugs or physical or  
928 mental illness, the Board, after preliminary investigation by informal conference, may direct that the  
929 licensee submit to a mental or physical examination by practitioners designated by it. Failure of the  
930 licensee to submit to the examination shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action. Any licensee  
931 affected by this section shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that he is competent to  
932 practice psychology with reasonable skill and safety to clients.

933 § 54.1-3616. Use of title "Doctor".

934 No person regulated under this chapter shall use the title "Doctor" or the abbreviation "Dr." in  
935 writing or in advertising in connection with his practice unless he simultaneously uses a clarifying title,  
936 initials, abbreviation or designation or language that identifies the type of practice for which he is  
937 licensed.

938 2. That § 54.1-3607 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

939 3. That individuals licensed as psychologists with a specialty in clinical services prior to the  
940 effective date of this act shall be licensed as clinical psychologists by the Board of Psychology.

941 4. That individuals licensed as clinical psychologists by the Board of Medicine prior to the effective  
942 date of this act shall be licensed as clinical psychologists by the Board of Psychology.

943 5. That individuals licensed as psychologists prior to the effective date of this act who do not have  
944 a specialty in clinical services shall be licensed as applied psychologists by the Board of  
945 Psychology.

946 6. That individuals licensed as school psychologists by the Board of Psychology prior to the  
947 effective date of this act who do not have a specialty in clinical services shall continue to be  
948 licensed as school psychologists by the Board of Psychology.

949 7. That all records of the Board of Medicine dealing with licensing of clinical psychologists shall be  
950 transferred to the Board of Psychology as determined by the Director of the Department of Health  
951 Professions.

952 8. That regulations promulgated by the Board of Medicine and in effect prior to the effective date  
953 of this act, regarding the licensure of clinical psychologists shall apply mutatis mutandis to the  
954 Board of Psychology and shall remain in effect until the effective date of replacement regulations  
955 promulgated by the Board of Psychology. The Board of Psychology shall adopt regulations to  
956 implement the provisions of this act which shall be effective within 280 days of enactment of this  
957 act.