VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 78

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-1.6, 9-6.25:1, and 51.1-124.23 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Retirement System; Medical Board and Retirement System Review Board.

[H 2175]

Approved March 2, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That §§ 2.1-1.6, 9-6.25:1, and 51.1-124.23 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-1.6. State boards. A. There shall be, in addition to such others as may be established by law, the following permanent collegial bodies affiliated with a state agency within the executive branch: Accountancy, Board for Aging, Advisory Board on the Agriculture and Consumer Services, Board of Air Pollution, State Advisory Board on Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Virginia Apple Board, Virginia State Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board Aquaculture Advisory Board Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, State Board for Art and Architectural Review Board Athletic Board, Virginia Auctioneers Board Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of Aviation Board, Virginia Barbers, Board for Branch Pilots, Board for Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board, Virginia Building Code Technical Review Board, State Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board Cattle Industry Board, Virginia Cave Board Certified Seed Board, State Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board Child Abuse and Neglect, Advisory Board on Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation, Board of Trustees Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board Coal Mining Examiners, Board of Coal Research and Development Advisory Board, Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia

Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on Conservation and Recreation, Board of Contractors, Board for Corn Board, Virginia Correctional Education, Board of Corrections, State Board of Cosmetology, Board for Criminal Justice Services Board Dark-Fired Tobacco Board, Virginia Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Advisory Board for the Department for the Dentistry, Board of Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board Education, State Board of Egg Board, Virginia Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

Farmers Market Board, Virginia

Film Office Advisory Board Fire Services Board, Virginia Forensic Science Advisory Board Forestry, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of Geology, Board for Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board Health Planning Board, Virginia Health Professions, Board of Health, State Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for Hemophilia Advisory Board Historic Resources, Board of Housing and Community Development, Board of Industrial Development Services Advisory Board Irish Potato Board, Virginia Juvenile Justice, State Board of Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board Marine Products Board, Virginia Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles Medical Board of the Virginia Retirement System Medicare and Medicaid, Advisory Board on Medicine, Board of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board Military Affairs, Board of Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of Minority Business Enterprise, Interdepartmental Board of the Department of Networking Users Advisory Board, State Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board Nursing, Board of Nursing Home Administrators, Board of Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board on Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia Opticians, Board for Optometry, Board of Peanut Board, Virginia Personnel Advisory Board Pesticide Control Board Pharmacy, Board of Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine, Advisory Board on Plant Pollination Advisory Board Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board Pork Industry Board, Virginia Poultry Products Board, Virginia Private College Advisory Board Private Security Services Advisory Board Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for Professional Counselors, Board of Professional Soil Scientists, Board for Psychiatric Advisory Board Psychology, Board of Public Buildings Board, Virginia Public Telecommunications Board, Virginia Radiation Advisory Board Real Estate Appraiser Board Real Estate Board Reciprocity Board, Department of Motor Vehicles Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia Recreation Specialists, Board of Reforestation Board Rehabilitation Providers, Advisory Board on Rehabilitative Services, Board of

Respiratory Therapy, Advisory Board on Retirement System Review Board Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board Safety and Health Codes Board Seed Potato Board Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board, State Health Department Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board Small Business Advisory Board Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board Small Grains Board, Virginia Social Services, Board of Social Work, Board of Soil and Water Conservation Board, Virginia Soybean Board, Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board Substance Abuse Certification Board Surface Mining Review, Board of Sweet Potato Board, Virginia T & M Vehicle Dealers' Advisory Board Teacher Education and Licensure, Advisory Board on Tourism and Travel Services Advisory Board Transportation Board, Commonwealth Transportation Safety, Board of Treasury Board, The, Department of the Treasury Veterans' Affairs, Board on Veterinary Medicine, Board of Virginia Board for Asbestos Licensing Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board Virginia Employment Commission, State Advisory Board for the Virginia Higher Education Tuition Trust Fund, Board of the Virginia Horse Industry Board Virginia Manufactured Housing Board Virginia Retirement System, Board of Trustees Virginia Sheep Industry Board Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board Virginia Waste Management Board Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the Voluntary Formulary Board, Virginia War Memorial Foundation, Virginia, Board of Trustees Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for Water Resources Research Center Statewide Advisory Board, Virginia Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for Well Review Board, Virginia. B. Notwithstanding the definition for "board" as provided in § 2.1-1.2, the following entities shall be referred to as boards: **Compensation Board** State Board of Elections State Water Control Board Virginia Parole Board Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees. § 9-6.25:1. Advisory boards, commissions and councils. There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the following advisory boards, commissions and councils within the executive branch: Advisory Board for the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Advisory Board for the Department for the Aging Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect Advisory Board on Medicare and Medicaid Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy Advisory Board on Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy to the Board of Medicine Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates

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Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board Aquaculture Advisory Board Art and Architectural Review Board Board for the Visually Handicapped Board of Directors, Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station Board of Forestry Board of Military Affairs Board of Rehabilitative Services Board of Transportation Safety Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund Board of Visitors, Gunston Hall Plantation Board on Veterans' Affairs Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board Cave Board Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia Commonwealth Competition Council Council on Indians Council on the Status of Women Debt Capacity Advisory Committee **Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board** Falls of the James Committee Forensic Science Advisory Board Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Problems Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Advisory Committee Hemophilia Advisory Board Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council Interagency Coordinating Council on Housing for the Disabled Interdepartmental Board of the State Department of Minority Business Enterprise Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College Local Advisory Board to the Rappahannock Community College Local Advisory Board to the Southside Virginia Community College Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College Maternal and Child Health Council Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles Medical Board of the Virginia Retirement System Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board Motor Vehicle Dealer's Advisory Board Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board Personnel Advisory Board

Plant Pollination Advisory Board Private College Advisory Board Private Enterprise Commission Private Security Services Advisory Board Psychiatric Advisory Board Radiation Advisory Board Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia Reforestation Board Retirement System Review Board Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board Small Business Advisory Board Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee State Advisory Board on Air Pollution State Advisory Board for the Virginia Employment Commission State Building Code Technical Review Board State Health Benefits Advisory Council State Land Evaluation Advisory Council State Networking Users Advisory Board State Public Records Advisory Council Statewide Independent Living Council Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board Virginia-Israel Advisory Board Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board Virginia Commission for the Arts Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention Virginia Equal Employment Opportunity Council Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Virginia Military Advisory Council Virginia Public Buildings Board Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council Virginia Technology Council Virginia Transplant Council Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Statewide Advisory Board Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board. § 51.1-124.23. Medical Board. A. The Board shall employ a Medical Board of three four physicians who are not eligible to

participate in the Retirement System. Each physician shall be employed for a four-year term to commence at the expiration of the term of his predecessor. Employment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of the term. The Medical Board shall appoint three *four* physicians, subject to confirmation by the Board, to serve as substitutes when members of the Medical Board cannot serve in their official capacity. Members of the Medical Board and their substitutes shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

B. The Medical Board shall:

1. Review all reports of medical examinations required by this chapter.

2. Investigate all essential health and medical statements and certificates filed in connection with disability retirement.

3. Submit to the Board a written report of its conclusions and recommendations on all matters referred to it.

C. The Medical Board, its substitutes, and its employees shall not be held personally liable for conclusions, advice, or recommendations made in accordance with the duties of the Medical Board under the provisions of this title.