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HOUSE BILL NO. 1675

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A BILL to direct the Board of Medicine to require certain licensees to complete training on unconscious bias and cultural competency as part of their continuing education and continuing competency requirements for licensure.

Patrons—Hayes, Bennett-Parker, Clark, Henson, Keys-Gamarra, LeVere Bolling, Martinez, McQuinn, Rasoul and Ward

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Board of Medicine (the Board) shall, pursuant to its authority under § 54.1-2928.3 of the Code of Virginia, require that persons licensed by the Board complete continuing learning activities on the topics of unconscious bias and cultural competency. The Board shall promulgate regulations requiring that the continuing education requirements for renewal of an active license shall include completion of unconscious bias and cultural competency training. The Board shall designate organizations that identify and facilitate an evidence-based curriculum to comply with this legislation. Such unconscious bias and cultural competency training shall be required for every license renewal period for licensees of the Board. The Board shall report the number of licensees who have successfully completed such training to the Department of Health to be included in the Department's annual report.*