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HOUSE BILL NO. 2079

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3305 of the Code of Virginia and to direct the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations authorizing emergency medical services agencies and regional emergency medical services councils to obtain a controlled substances registration, relating to Board of Pharmacy; membership.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Board of Pharmacy (the Board) shall promulgate regulations authorizing emergency medical services (EMS) agencies and regional EMS councils to obtain a controlled substance registration under 18VAC110-20-690 and 18VAC110-20-710. Such authorization shall allow the Board to issue a controlled substance registration to an EMS agency or regional EMS council to receive controlled substances in Schedules II through VI from a wholesale distributor, manufacturer, third-party logistics provider, warehouse, or pharmacy. Such regulations shall specify that controlled substances may be stored at a properly registered fire station, with around the clock staffing, in an automated dispensing device that is located in a locked room with an access control device and camera monitoring system.*

2. That § 54.1-3305 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3305. Board; membership; terms; meetings; quorum; officers; executive director.

The Board of Pharmacy shall consist of ~~ten~~ 12 members, as follows: eight licensed pharmacists who are graduates of an approved school or college of pharmacy, *one career fire/EMS member, one volunteer fire/EMS member*, and two *nonlegislative* citizen members. The terms of office of the members shall be four years.

The Board shall meet at least annually at such times and places, and upon such notice as the Board may determine and as its business may require. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Board shall annually elect from its members a chairman.

There shall be an executive director for the Board of Pharmacy who shall be licensed or eligible for licensure in the Commonwealth as a pharmacist.

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