

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to allow the Board of Nursing to waive its regulations related to nursing faculty ratios.*

3 [H 1860]

4 Approved

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

6 **1. § 1.** *The Board of Nursing (the Board) shall allow nursing education programs in the Commonwealth to*
7 *apply for a waiver of the student-to-faculty ratios for direct client care in 18VAC90-27-60 and 18VAC90-*
8 *27-110 of the Virginia Administrative Code. Such waiver shall permit a nursing education program to*
9 *increase the ratio of students to faculty engaged in direct client care from 10 students per faculty member up*
10 *to, but not to exceed, 15 students per faculty member. Upon application for such waiver by a nursing*
11 *education program, the Board shall determine whether the nursing education program has provided*
12 *supporting evidence of an appropriate implementation plan, demonstrated that the program can safely*
13 *waive the required ratio in each practice setting for which the waiver is requested, and demonstrated that*
14 *the waiver would support program needs while maintaining the safety of patients and the public. The Board*
15 *shall further determine any necessary compliance measures, including review of the clinical program at*
16 *intervals determined by the Board. The Board may withdraw the waiver based on findings of such reviews*
17 *and may extend the waiver as many times as the Board deems warranted.*