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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1026**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2936.1, relating to foreign-trained chiropractors; licensure by endorsement.*

Patron—Walker

Committee Referral Pending

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2936.1 as follows:**

**§ 54.1-2936.1. Licensure by endorsement of foreign chiropractors.**

*A. The Board may issue a license to practice chiropractic to an applicant who:*

*1. Holds a degree in chiropractic from an institution located outside the United States that is accredited by the appropriate national or regional accrediting organization recognized in that country;*

*2. Holds a current, unrestricted license to practice chiropractic issued by a foreign jurisdiction whose educational and professional standards are substantially equivalent to those of the Commonwealth, as determined by the Board;*

*3. Has actively practiced chiropractic for at least five of the previous eight years;*

*4. Has no history of professional discipline, impairment, or criminal conviction that would pose a risk to the health and safety of patients; and*

*5. Is legally authorized to reside and work in the United States.*

*B. No applicant licensed pursuant to this section shall be required to complete any examinations administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.*

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