

# 2026 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 331**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

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4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3805.01, relating to Board of*  
5 *Veterinary Medicine; temporary licenses for certain applicants.*

6 Patron—Roem

7 Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

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

9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-3805.01 as follows:**

10 **§ 54.1-3805.01. Temporary licenses for certain applicants; supervision required.**

11 *A. The Board may issue a temporary license to an applicant who (i) has received passing scores on the*  
12 *North American Veterinary Licensing Examination; (ii) has completed, at a minimum, all requirements to*  
13 *receive certification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) of the*  
14 *American Veterinary Medical Association except for the clinical proficiency examination; and (iii) is legally*  
15 *eligible for employment in the United States. Such applicant must have accepted an offer of employment from*  
16 *a veterinarian approved by the Board.*

17 *B. Holders of temporary licenses may practice only under the direct supervision of an approved*  
18 *veterinarian and may not receive a controlled substances registration certificate.*

19 *C. Temporary licenses granted pursuant to this section shall be valid for two years from the date of*  
20 *issuance or until such license holder obtains ECFVG certification and receives a license from the Board to*  
21 *practice veterinary medicine. A temporary license holder who does not pass a clinical proficiency*  
22 *examination may apply to renew his temporary license provided that (i) such license holder may not renew or*  
23 *reinstate such temporary license more than one time, nor may he apply for a second conditional license, and*  
24 *(ii) such license holder intends to retake a clinical proficiency examination.*

25 *D. The Board shall maintain a record of all temporary licenses issued pursuant to this section.*

26 *E. The Board may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this*  
27 *section, including regulations addressing termination of and fees for temporary licenses.*

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