

SENATE BILL NO. 331

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

on February 5, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Roem)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3805.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Veterinary Medicine; traineeships.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-3805.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3805.3. Traineeships.

The Board may provide for the limited practice of veterinary medicine, as that term is defined by the Board, by a veterinary medicine licensure applicant enrolled in a traineeship program under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

Veterinarians who are eligible to participate in limited practice in a traineeship include:

1. Graduates of an American Veterinary Medical Association-accredited college of veterinary medicine who have not yet passed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE); and

2. Registrants in the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) program who have taken and received a passing score on the NAVLE and have completed all steps of the ECFVG program except for the clinical proficiency examination.