

# 2026 SESSION

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## 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.*

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