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HOUSE BILL NO. 1026

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health and Human Services
on February 10, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Walker)

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.

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. Either (i) 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 or (ii) has held an 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, and has not had such unrestricted license revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted as a result of disciplinary action;

3. Has actively practiced chiropractic for at least two years;

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

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

6. Has passed Parts I, II, and III of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination and the Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

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