

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2026 SESSION

## CHAPTER 207

*An Act to direct the Board of Medicine to amend its regulations regarding office-based buprenorphine treatment to require providers to offer counseling or referral to counseling.*

[H 712]

Approved April 6, 2026

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

**1. § 1.** *That the Board of Medicine shall amend its regulations regarding office-based buprenorphine treatment to require providers to offer counseling or referral to counseling to each patient as clinically necessary and mutually agreed-upon. Under such regulations, a patient's refusal shall not preclude the patient from receiving office-based buprenorphine treatment for opioid use disorder.*