
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2021 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB1800 (Chapter 552)

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Department of Health Professions

Item 309	First Year - FY2021	Second Year - FY2022
Regulation of Professions and Occupations (56000)	\$35,249,989	\$35,371,849 \$36,093,084
Technical Assistance to Regulatory Boards (56044)	\$35,249,989	\$35,371,849 \$36,093,084
Fund Sources:		
Trust and Agency	\$1,425,987	\$1,425,987
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$33,824,002	\$33,945,862 \$34,667,097

Authority: Title 54.1, Chapter 25, Code of Virginia.

A. The Department of Health Professions shall have authority to increase fees for the Board of Pharmacy to administer the operations of the five cannabis processors pursuant to legislation in the 2020 Session. The department shall have the authority to promulgate emergency regulations to implement this amendment within 280 days or less from the enactment date of this act.

B. Nurse practitioners licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, except those licensed in the category of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, with two or more years of clinical experience may continue to practice in the practice category in which they are certified and licensed and prescribe without a written or electronic practice agreement until the termination of a declared state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

C. The Department of Health Professions shall study and make recommendations regarding the oversight and regulation of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). The department shall review recommendations of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, analyze the oversight and regulations governing the practice of APRNs in other states, and review research on the impact of statutes and regulations on practice and patient outcomes. The department shall report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2021.