

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2022 RECONVENED SESSION

## CHAPTER 804

*An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-30 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local health director; qualifications.*

[S 192]

Approved May 27, 2022

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

**1. That § 32.1-30 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 32.1-30. Local health departments.**

Each county and city shall establish and maintain a local department of health ~~which~~ *that* shall be headed by a local health director. Each such local health director shall (i) be a physician licensed to practice medicine in ~~this~~ *the* Commonwealth, (ii) *possess a master's or doctoral degree in the area of public health and have at least three years of professional experience in a full-time position in either a public health agency or public health-related position, or* (iii) *be otherwise qualified for the position as determined by the Commissioner. If a local health director is not a physician licensed to practice medicine and there is no licensed physician on staff, the local health director shall enter into a consulting agreement with a licensed physician to execute prescribing duties, consult on clinical matters, and perform all other duties as requested.*