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Safe Haven:

Help Dentists and Dental Hygienists Seek Early Mental Health Treatment without Fear of Impact on Licensure Status

> Support SB 629 (Senator Todd Pillion) and HB 42 (Delegate Patrick Hope)

- The Safe Haven program, which is a fatigue and wellness program, was originally launched by the Medical Society of Virginia in 2020.
- Health providers are given counseling, assistance, and advice.
- Health providers are secure with confidentiality and protection from the work of the program being discoverable in a lawsuit absent showing of good cause and by court order.
- The program has been proven successful for physicians, nurses and pharmacists. The use rates for Safe Haven are approaching 20%. Compared to other states, that use rate is off the charts.

Please support SB 629 and HB42 to add dentists, dental hygienists, as well as dental and dental hygiene students, to those who can benefit from Safe Haven.

This legislation is supported by the VDA and the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association.



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