

Hello,

I'm reaching out to express my concern regarding S.237, the bill that would authorize prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists. The bill does not include additional training recommended by the VT Office of Professional Regulation. Therefore, I do not support the bill as it is currently written.

As a psychiatrist, I provide both psychotherapy and medication management. My medical training is essential when carefully considering the risks and benefits of psychotropic medications within the context of a patient's current presentation and medical history. Without additional medical training, psychologists could easily do more harm than good in prescribing medications without a more nuanced understanding of risks vs benefits.

This is an issue that deserves more time and attention and should not be rushed.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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