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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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