

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

## CHAPTER 808

*An Act to amend and reenact § 63.1-174 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adult care residences.*

[H 1051]

Approved April 9, 2000

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

**1. That § 63.1-174 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 63.1-174. Regulations.

A. The State Board shall have the authority to promulgate and enforce regulations to carry out the provisions of this article and to protect the health, safety, welfare and individual rights of residents of adult care residences and to promote their highest level of functioning. *Such regulations shall take into consideration cost constraints of smaller operations in complying with such regulations.*

B. The adult care residence shall have adequate and sufficient staff to provide services to attain and maintain (i) the physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of each resident as determined by resident assessments and individual plans of care and (ii) the physical safety of the residents on the premises. Regulations shall include standards for staff qualifications and training; facility design, functional design and equipment; services to be provided to residents; administration of medicine; allowable medical conditions for which care can be provided; and medical procedures to be followed by staff, including provisions for physicians' services, restorative care, and specialized rehabilitative services.

C. Regulations for medical procedures in adult care residences shall be developed in consultation with the State Board of Health and promulgated by the State Board of Social Services, and compliance with these regulations shall be determined by Department of Health or Department of Social Services inspectors as provided by an interagency agreement between the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health.

**2. That the State Board of Social Services shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**