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HOUSE BILL NO. 1055

House Amendments in [] — February 3, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 13, consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.5, relating to reporting of certain complications.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 13, consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.5, as follows:

§ 32.1-73.5. Reporting of [~~abortion~~ outpatient and inpatient surgical] complications.

In the exercise of its authority for health planning pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 32.1-102.1 et seq.) and for regulation of facilities and services pursuant to Chapter 5 (§ 32.1-123 et seq.) of this title, the Board of Health shall require reporting of, compile, and analyze data on complications resulting from any [~~abortion procedure~~. Any physician, regardless of whether he performed the abortion, who treats a patient experiencing complications from an abortion procedure which occur within sixty days of the performance of the procedure shall report to the Board on such complications in accordance with the Board's regulations. The Board's regulations shall address, among other complications, any infections, perforations, long-term reproductive dysfunction, and psychological problems which have resulted from abortions outpatient and inpatient surgical procedure. Any physician, regardless of whether he performed the surgical procedure, who treats a patient experiencing complications from outpatient and inpatient surgical procedures which occur within sixty days of the performance of the surgical procedure shall report to the Board on such complications in accordance with the Board's regulations. The Board's regulations shall address, among other complications, any infections, perforations, and psychological problems which, in the opinion of the attending physician, have resulted from such outpatient and inpatient surgical procedures.]

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