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HOUSE BILL NO. 603 Offered January 20, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 9 of Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-71.01, relating to statewide cancer registry.

Patrons—McQuigg; Senators: Colgan and Mims

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 Article 9 of Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-71.01 as follows:

§ 32.1-71.01. Notification of cancer patients of statewide cancer registry reporting requirements.

The Commissioner, or his designee, shall develop and implement a system for notifying, within thirty days of receipt of the case record, each patient whose name and record abstract is reported to the statewide cancer registry pursuant to § 32.1-70 that personal identifying information about him has been included in the registry. The notification shall include (i) the purpose, objectives, reporting requirements, confidentiality policies and procedures of the statewide cancer registry, including, but not limited to, continued surveillance and investigation procedures and (ii) a copy of § 2.1-378 of the Privacy Protection Act.

2. The Board of Health shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act within 280 days of enactment of this provision.