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SENATE BILL NO. 491

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 37.1-179 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adult care residences.*

Patrons—Lambert; Delegate: Cantor

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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

**1. That § 37.1-179 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 37.1-179. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter:

"Mentally ill" person, in addition to the definition in § 37.1-1, includes any person who is a drug addict or alcoholic.

"Mentally retarded" person includes any person within the definition in § 37.1-1.

"Facility" or "institution" means any facility or institution not operated by an agency of the federal government by whatever name or designation which provides care or treatment for mentally ill or mentally retarded persons, or persons addicted to the intemperate use of narcotic drugs, alcohol or other stimulants including the detoxification, treatment or rehabilitation of drug addicts through the use of the controlled drug methadone. Such institution or facility shall include (i) a hospital as defined in § 32.1-123, out-patient clinic, special school, halfway house, home and any other similar or related facility or (ii) an adult care residence as defined in § 63.1-172, when such residence admits fifty-one percent or more consumers.

**2. That the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**

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