

2001 SESSION

INTRODUCED

015910932

HOUSE BILL NO. 1667

Offered January 10, 2001

Prefiled December 11, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-705.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to absentee voting in certain business and medical emergency situations.

Patron—Sherwood

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-705.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-705.1. Late applications and in-person absentee voting for business and medical emergencies.

Any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote who becomes obligated after 12:00 noon on the Saturday before an election to be absent from his county or city on election day for a purpose pertaining to (i) his business, profession, or occupation, or (ii) the hospitalization of the applicant or a member of his immediate family, may apply for an absentee ballot and vote absentee in person pursuant to this section and subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant applies in person for an absentee ballot on the Monday immediately preceding the election, before noon, at the principal office of the registrar; and

2. The applicant signs a statement, which shall be deemed part of his absentee ballot application and subject to felony penalties for making false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that he is required to leave the county or city before the opening of the polls on election day for a purpose pertaining to (i) his business, profession or occupation, or (ii) the hospitalization of the applicant or a member of his immediate family, and that he did not have notice or knowledge of such required travel prior to 12:00 noon on the immediately preceding Saturday. "Immediate family" means the children, grandchildren, grandparents, parents, siblings and spouse of the applicant.

INTRODUCED

HB1667