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HOUSE BILL NO. 1779

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 37.1-179 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensing persons establishing facilities.

Patron—Hamilton

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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, *organization, agency or program* 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, *organization, agency or program* shall include a hospital as defined in § 32.1-123, *community services board as defined in § 37.1-194.1, behavioral health authority as defined in § 37.1-243*, out-patient clinic, special school, halfway house, home and any other similar or related facility.

"Care" or "treatment" for individuals with mental illness, mental retardation, or substance addiction or abuse includes clinical, habilitative and rehabilitative services, day support services, direct care and treatment case management services, and residential services.

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