

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 37.1-84.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state and local human*
3 *rights committees.*

4 [H 1898]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 37.1-84.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 37.1-84.3. Appointments to state and local human rights committees.

9 The Board shall appoint a state human rights committee, which shall appoint local human rights
10 committees to address alleged violations of consumers' human rights. One-third of the appointments
11 made to the state or local human rights committees shall be consumers or family members of
12 consumers, with at least two consumers who are receiving *or who have received within five years of*
13 *their initial appointment public or private mental health, mental retardation, or substance abuse*
14 *treatment or habilitation* services on each committee. Remaining appointments shall include lawyers,
15 health care providers, and persons with interest or knowledge or training in the mental health, mental
16 retardation or substance abuse field. No current employee of the Department or a community services
17 board, behavioral health authority, or local government department with a policy-advisory community
18 services board shall serve as a member of the state human rights committee. No current employee of the
19 Department; a community services board, behavioral health authority or local government department
20 with a policy-advisory community services board; or any facility or program licensed or funded by the
21 Department shall serve as a member of any local human rights committee that serves an oversight
22 function for the employing facility, program or organization.

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