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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1904**

House Amendments in [ ] — January 18, 2001

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 37.1-62.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission; duties.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Plum

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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

**1. That § 37.1-62.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 37.1-62.1. Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission; membership; duties.

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission shall consist of fourteen members appointed by the Governor for two-year terms, six of whom shall be members of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, and eight of whom shall be professionals, one each from the fields of medicine, nursing, mental health, aging, social services, forensic medicine and two other areas related to the healing arts. The Governor shall designate a member of the Commission to serve as chairman.

The Commission, serving in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, shall ~~develop a plan for~~ *recommend* funding ~~local~~ initiatives ~~for services to victims of, statutory and regulatory changes, and [ voluntary best care practices to serve such other issues that the Commission feels would assist ] people with~~ Alzheimer's disease and related disorders *and their caregivers*. The Commission shall submit ~~the plan~~ *recommendations* to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources by September 1 of each year and shall submit a progress report annually. The Commission shall develop criteria for establishing priorities and evaluating programs ~~which that [ are funded in accordance with the Commission's plan~~ *recommendations the Commission has recommended* ]. Such criteria shall encourage flexibility and innovation in the programs. The Commission shall facilitate the exchange of information on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

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