

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 RECONVENED SESSION

## CHAPTER 896

*An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-23 of the Code of Virginia, relating to pharmaceutical programs.*

[H 560]

Approved May 17, 2002

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

**1. That § 32.1-23 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-23. Publication of information.

A. The Commissioner may provide for the publication and distribution of such information as may contribute to the preservation of the public health and the prevention of disease.

B. (For effective date - See Editor's note) The Commissioner shall establish, maintain and publicize a toll-free number to provide resource and referral information on pharmaceutical companies' free *and discount* drug programs for persons who demonstrate financial hardship *or otherwise meet program eligibility criteria*. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, available drugs, participating pharmaceutical companies, *and* application procedures for each of the pharmaceutical companies and dispensing methods. *Such information shall also include the locations of various Pharmacy Connect programs accessible by that person.* The Commissioner may contract with one or more public or private organizations to administer this resource and referral program.