

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 459

An Act to amend and reenact § 19.2-188 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-390.2, relating to admissibility of medical reports.

[S 1002]

Approved March 16, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-188 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-390.2 as follows:

§ 8.01-390.2. Reports by Chief Medical Examiner received as evidence.

Reports of investigations made by the Chief Medical Examiner, his assistants or medical examiners, and the records and certified reports of autopsies made under the authority of Title 32.1, shall be received as evidence in any court or other proceeding, and copies of photographs, laboratory findings and reports in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner or any medical examiner, when duly attested by the Chief Medical Examiner or an Assistant Chief Medical Examiner, shall be received as evidence in any court or other proceeding for any purpose for which the original could be received without proof of the official character or the person whose name is signed thereto.

§ 19.2-188. Reports by Chief Medical Examiner received as evidence.

Reports of investigations made by the Chief Medical Examiner ~~or~~, his assistants or ~~by~~ medical examiners, and the records and *certified* reports of autopsies made under the authority of Title 32.1, shall be received as evidence in any court or other proceeding, and copies of ~~records~~, photographs, laboratory findings and ~~records~~ reports in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner or any medical examiner, when duly attested by the Chief Medical Examiner or one of his Assistant Chief Medical Examiners, ~~or the medical examiner in whose office the same are~~, shall be received as evidence in any court or other proceeding for any purpose for which the original could be received without proof of the official character or the person whose name is signed thereto.