

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 527

An Act to amend and reenact § 37.1-137.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to annual reports by guardians.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 37.1-137.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 37.1-137.2. Annual reports by guardians.

A. A guardian shall file an annual report in compliance with the filing deadlines in § 26-17.4 with the local department of social services for the jurisdiction in which he was appointed. It shall be the duty of that local department to forward the report to the local department of the jurisdiction where the incapacitated person then resides. The report shall be on a form prepared by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court and shall be accompanied by a filing fee of ~~five dollars~~ \$5. The local department shall ~~forward~~ retain the fee to the state treasurer in the jurisdiction where the fee is collected for use in the provision of services to adults in need of protection. Within ~~sixty~~ 60 days of receipt of the annual report, the local department shall file a copy of the report with the clerk of the circuit court that appointed the guardian, to be placed with the court papers pertaining to the guardianship case. Twice each year the local department shall file with the clerk of the circuit court a list of all guardians who are more than ~~ninety~~ 90 days delinquent in filing an annual report as required by this section. If the guardian is also a conservator, a settlement of accounts shall also be filed with the commissioner of accounts as provided in § 26-17.4.

B. The report to the local department of social services shall include:

1. A description of the current mental, physical, and social condition of the incapacitated person;
2. A description of the person's living arrangements during the reported period;
3. The medical, educational, vocational, and other professional services provided to the person and the guardian's opinion as to the adequacy of the person's care;
4. A statement of the frequency and nature of the guardian's visits with and activities on behalf of the person;
5. A statement of whether the guardian agrees with the current treatment or habilitation plan;
6. A recommendation as to the need for continued guardianship, any recommended changes in the scope of the guardianship, and any other information useful in the opinion of the guardian; and
7. The compensation requested and the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the guardian.

The guardian shall certify that the information contained in the report is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge.