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**HOUSE BILL NO. 907** Offered January 14, 2004 Prefiled January 14, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.2-405 of the Code of Virginia, relating to medical assistance services; application.

Patrons—Watts and Cox; Senators: Edwards and Martin

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 63.2-405 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 63.2-405. Provisions for determination of eligibility for medical care and medical assistance; provision of social services; regulations.

The Commissioner shall, in compliance with the state plan for medical assistance services, applicable regulations of the Board and other state and federal law, provide for the determination of eligibility for medical care and medical assistance and social services required for (i) state participation under Public Law 97 of the 89th Congress of the United States, approved July 30, 1965, as amended, and regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services; and (ii) other state and federal programs. The Commissioner, subject to the state plan for medical assistance services, applicable regulations of the Board and other state and federal law, may establish policies, in the form of guidance documents, necessary to implement such functions, including safeguarding information concerning applicants and recipients. An application for medical assistance services for a person admitted to a Veterans' Administration hospital located in the Commonwealth may be filed in the jurisdiction where such hospital is located.