

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2962.2, relating to*
3 *physician-patient relationships; effect of certain emergency room evaluations.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2962.2 as follows:**

8 *§ 54.1-2962.2. Physician-patient relationship; effect of certain emergency department treatment.*

9 *A. Any physician-patient relationship that may be created by virtue of an on-call physician or his*
10 *agent evaluating or treating a patient in the emergency department of a corporation, facility or*
11 *institution licensed or owned or operated by the Commonwealth to provide health care shall be deemed*
12 *terminated without further notice upon the discharge of the patient from the emergency department or if*
13 *the patient is admitted to the corporation, facility or institution, his discharge therefrom, and after*
14 *completion of follow-up as prescribed by the physician, unless the physician and the patient*
15 *affirmatively elect to continue the physician-patient relationship.*

16 *B. Nothing in this section shall relieve a physician of his post-discharge duties required to satisfy the*
17 *standard of care pursuant to § 8.01-581.20.*

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