

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2005 SESSION

CHAPTER 444

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-35.1, relating to information on nosocomial infections.

[H 1570]

Approved March 21, 2005

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-35.1 as follows:

§ 32.1-35.1. Information on nosocomial infections.

Acute care hospitals shall report information about nosocomial infections to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network. Such hospitals shall release their infection data to the Board of Health. The specific infections to be reported, the hospitals required to report, and patient populations to be included shall be prescribed by Board regulation. Such hospital infection rate data may be released to the public by the Board, upon request.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.