

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to establish the policy of the Commonwealth concerning long-term care services for older adults.*

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6 Whereas, in keeping with the traditional concept in our democratic society of the inherent dignity of
7 the individual, the older adults in the Commonwealth deserve to enjoy their later years in good health,
8 and with honor, dignity, and independence; and9 Whereas, older adults should retain their ability to exercise free choice in planning and managing
10 their lives; and11 Whereas, the Commonwealth should coordinate the effective and efficient provision of community
12 long-term care services to older adults so that those services will be readily available to the greatest
13 number of people over the widest geographic area; now, therefore,14 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**15 1. § 1. *Policy of the Commonwealth on long-term care services for older adults.*16 *The Commonwealth shall seek to ensure that:*17 1. *A balanced range of health, social, and supportive services exists to deliver long-term care*
18 *services to older adults with chronic illnesses or functional impairments;*19 2. *Meaningful choice, increased functional ability, and affordability are the determining factors in*
20 *defining long-term care service needs and that these needs will be determined by a uniform system for*
21 *comprehensively assessing the needs and preferences of these older adults;*22 3. *Service delivery, consistent with the needs and preferences of older adults, occurs in the most*
23 *independent, least restrictive, and most appropriate living situation possible; and*24 4. *Opportunities for self-care and independent living by older adults grow significantly through*
25 *strengthening the natural support system of family, friends, and neighbors and by encouraging all*
26 *long-term care programs to maximize self-care and independent living within the mainstream of life in*
27 *the community.*

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