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17 18 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2804** 

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice on February 4, 2005)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Van Yahres)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2400.8 of the Code of Virginia, relating to immunity for reporting health care practitioners.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2400.8 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2400.8. Immunity for reporting.

In addition to the immunity for reporting as provided by §§ 54.1-2400.6 and 54.1-2400.7, any person (i) making a report regarding the conduct or competency of a health care practitioner as required by law or regulation, (ii) making a voluntary report to the appropriate regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions regarding the unprofessional conduct or competency of any practitioner licensed, certified, or registered by that health regulatory board, or (iii) providing information pursuant to an investigation or testifying in a judicial or administrative proceeding as a result of such reports shall be immune from any civil liability resulting therefrom unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious intent.