

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2002 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by*  
3 *adding a section numbered 2.2-2002.1, relating to the Department of Veterans Services; department*  
4 *personnel.*

5 [H 2851]

6 Approved

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

9 **1. That § 2.2-2002 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of**  
10 **Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-2002.1 as follows:**

11 § 2.2-2002. Department offices.

12 The Commissioner shall maintain an office in the vicinity of the State Capitol in Richmond. He may  
13 maintain service offices in the Commonwealth in whatever locations he determines to be necessary to  
14 carry out the provisions of this chapter. ~~The Commissioner shall appoint the personnel of each service~~  
15 ~~office. The compensation of the personnel of each service office is to be fixed by the Commissioner.~~

16 § 2.2-2002.1. Department personnel.

17 *The Commissioner shall be responsible for appointing the personnel assigned to each service office*  
18 *and determining the compensation to be paid to such personnel. In determining the number of personnel*  
19 *assigned to each service office, the Commissioner shall ensure the number of employees assigned to the*  
20 *processing of benefit claims is sufficient to maintain a ratio of one staff person for every 26,212*  
21 *veterans residing in the Commonwealth. The Commissioner shall also ensure that the personnel assigned*  
22 *to processing benefit claims provide these services to veterans in locations other than the service office*  
23 *at least one day per week.*

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