

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 8.01-581.18 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adding podiatry to the*  
3 *definition of physician under this section.*

4 [H 1352]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 8.01-581.18 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 8.01-581.18. Delivery of results of laboratory tests and other examinations not authorized by  
9 physician; immunity of physician.

10 A. Whenever a laboratory test or other examination of the physical or mental condition of any person  
11 is conducted by or under the supervision of a person other than a physician and not at the request or  
12 with the written authorization of a physician, any report of the results of such test or examination shall  
13 be provided by the person conducting such test or examination to the person who was the subject of  
14 such test or examination. Such report shall state in bold type that it is the responsibility of the recipient  
15 to arrange with his physician for consultation and interpretation of the results of such test or  
16 examination. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any test or examination conducted  
17 under the auspices of the State Department of Health.

18 B. Any physician shall be immune from civil liability for any failure to review, or to take any action  
19 in response to the receipt of, any report of the results of any laboratory test or other examination of the  
20 physical or mental condition of any person, which test or examination such physician neither requested  
21 nor authorized in writing, unless such report is provided directly to the physician by the person so  
22 examined or tested with a request for consultation or by the State Department of Health.

23 C. As used in this section, "physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine, *podiatry*,  
24 chiropractic or osteopathy in this Commonwealth pursuant to Chapter 29 (§ 54.1-2900 et seq.) of Title  
25 54.1.

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