

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-288.1, relating to disposition of hazardous human remains.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-288.1 as follows:

§ 32.1-288.1. Determination of hazardous human remains.

The Commissioner, in consultation with the Governor, shall have the authority to determine if human remains are hazardous to the public health. If the Commissioner determines that such remains are hazardous, the Commonwealth, with direction from the Commissioner, shall be charged with the safe handling, identification, and disposition of the remains, and shall erect a memorial, as appropriate, at any disposition site.

For the purposes of this section, "hazardous human remains" means those remains contaminated with an infectious, radiologic, chemical or other dangerous agent.

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