

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2007 SESSION

CHAPTER 320

An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-19 of the Code of Virginia, relating to duties of the Health Commissioner.

[H 2378]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-19 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-19. Duties prescribed by Board.

A. The Commissioner shall perform such duties as the Board may require, in addition to the duties required by law.

B. *The Commissioner shall ensure, in the licensure of health care facilities, that quality of care, patient safety, and patient privacy are the overriding goals of such licensure and related enforcement efforts.*

C. *The Commissioner shall coordinate the Department's emergency preparedness and response efforts.*

D. *The Commissioner shall ensure that prevention of disease and protection of public health remain the Department's overriding goals.*