

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-3012.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to nursing workforce*
3 *information; publication on website.*

4 [H 1003]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-3012.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 54.1-3012.1. Nursing workforce information.

9 A. With such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, the Board shall collect, store, and make
10 available nursing workforce information regarding the various categories of nurses certified, licensed or
11 registered under the provisions of this chapter. In addition to appropriated funds, the Board may also
12 accept donations or grants from private sources in addition to any licensure or certification fee to any
13 certified, licensed or registered nurse to carry out the provisions of this section. The information to be
14 collected on nurses shall include, but not be limited to: (i) demographic data; (ii) level of education; (iii)
15 employment status; (iv) employment setting such as in a hospital, physician's office, or nursing home;
16 (v) geographic location of employment; (vi) type of nursing position or area of specialty; and (vii)
17 number of hours worked per week. Such information shall be collected and updated biennially, and shall
18 be ~~made available to interested parties only~~ *published*, in aggregate form *and in a format accessible to*
19 *the public, on the Department of Health Professions website.* Information which could identify
20 individual nurses shall not be released in any form or manner.

21 B. The Board shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this section. Such
22 regulations shall include: (i) the specific number and types of nursing workforce data elements to be
23 collected; (ii) the process by which the information is collected, stored, and made available to interested
24 parties; (iii) provisions to ensure the confidentiality of the data to be collected and to protect the identity
25 of all individuals submitting information; and (iv) other provisions as determined by the Board.

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