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HOUSE BILL NO. 2458

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-137.01, relating to posting of charity care policies.

Patron—O'Bannon

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-137.01 as follows:

§ 32.1-137.01. Posting of charity care policies.

All hospitals shall provide written information about the hospital's charity care policies, including policies related to free and discounted care. Such information shall be posted conspicuously in public areas of the hospital, including admissions areas, business offices, waiting rooms, and emergency departments. Information regarding specific eligibility criteria and procedures for applying for charity care shall be (i) provided to a patient at the time of admission or at the time services are provided, (ii) included with any billing statements, and (iii) included on any website maintained by the hospital.

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