1   **VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER**

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 38.2-3430.1:1, relating to*
3   *individual accident and sickness insurance coverage.*

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5   Approved

6   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
7   **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 38.2-3430.1:1 as follows:**
8   *§ 38.2-3430.1:1. Health insurance coverage not required.*
9   *No resident of this Commonwealth, regardless of whether he has or is eligible for health insurance*
10 *coverage under any policy or program provided by or through his employer, or a plan sponsored by the*
11 *Commonwealth or the federal government, shall be required to obtain or maintain a policy of individual*
12 *insurance coverage except as required by a court or the Department of Social Services where an*
13 *individual is named a party in a judicial or administrative proceeding. No provision of this title shall*
14 *render a resident of this Commonwealth liable for any penalty, assessment, fee, or fine as a result of his*
15 *failure to procure or obtain health insurance coverage. This section shall not apply to individuals*
16 *voluntarily applying for coverage under a state-administered program pursuant to Title XIX or Title XXI*
17 *of the Social Security Act. This section shall not apply to students being required by an institution of*
18 *higher education to obtain and maintain health insurance as a condition of enrollment. Nothing herein*
19 *shall impair the rights of persons to privately contract for health insurance for family members or*
20 *former family members.*