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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

- An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-212, 2.2-703, 2.2-703.1, 2.2-708, 2.2-712, 2.2-714, 2.2-720,
 3 2.2-2412, 2.2-2626, 2.2-2627, and 2.2-5510 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia
 by adding a section numbered 2.2-213.4; and to repeal § 2.2-709 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state aging services; blueprint for livable communities and long-term services and supports for older
- 6 Virginians and people with disabilities.

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9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

10 1. That §§ 2.2-212, 2.2-703, 2.2-703.1, 2.2-708, 2.2-712, 2.2-714, 2.2-720, 2.2-2412, 2.2-2626, 2.2-2627, 11 and 2.2-5510 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is 12 amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-213.4 as follows:

13 § 2.2-212. Position established; agencies for which responsible; additional powers.

14 The position of Secretary of Health and Human Resources (the Secretary) is created. The Secretary 15 of Health and Human Resources shall be responsible to the Governor for the following agencies: Department of Health, Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, Department of Health Professions, 16 17 Department for the Aging, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of Rehabilitative Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Medical Assistance Services, 18 Child Day-Care Council, Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, the Office of 19 Comprehensive Services for Youth and Ât-Risk Youth and Families, and the Assistive Technology Loan 20 Fund Authority. The Governor may, by executive order, assign any other state executive agency to the 21 Secretary of Health and Human Resources, or reassign any agency listed above to another Secretary. 22

23 Unless the Governor expressly reserves such power to himself, the Secretary shall (i) serve as the 24 lead Secretary for the coordination and implementation of the long-term care policy policies of the 25 Commonwealth and for the blueprint for livable communities 2025 throughout the Commonwealth, 26 working with the Secretaries of Transportation, Commerce and Trade, and Education, and the 27 Commissioner of Insurance, to facilitate interagency service development and implementation, communication and cooperation, (ii) serve as the lead Secretary for the Comprehensive Services Act for 28 29 At-Risk Youth and Families, working with the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Public Safety 30 to facilitate interagency service development and implementation, communication and cooperation, and 31 (iii) coordinate the disease prevention activities of agencies in the Secretariat to ensure efficient, effective delivery of health related services and financing. 32

33 § 2.2-213.4. Secretary of Health and Human Resources to develop blueprint for long-term services
 34 and supports.

35 The Secretary shall convene, as appropriate, such other heads of executive branch secretariats, state 36 agencies, and other public and private agencies and entities to develop a blueprint for livable 37 communities and long-term services and supports for older Virginians and people with disabilities. The 38 blueprint shall include planning through the year 2025 and shall be comprehensive and inclusive of 39 issues related to active, daily life in communities across the Commonwealth. The blueprint shall build 40 upon existing plans and reports and shall focus on (i) community integration and involvement, (ii) 41 availability and accessibility of services and supports, and (iii) integration and participation in the 42 economic mainstream. The blueprint shall be submitted to the Governor and Chairs of the 43 Appropriations Committee of the House of Delegates and the Finance Committee of the Senate no later 44 than June 30, 2011.

45 § 2.2-703. Powers and duties of Department with respect to aging persons; area agencies on aging.

A. The mission of the Department shall be to improve the quality of life for older Virginians and to 46 47 act as a focal point among state agencies for research, policy analysis, long-range planning, and education on aging issues. The Department shall also serve as the lead agency in coordinating the work 48 49 of state agencies on meeting the needs of an aging society. The Department's policies and programs 50 shall be designed to enable older persons to be as independent and self-sufficient as possible. The Department shall promote local participation in programs for older persons, evaluate and monitor the 51 services provided for older Virginians and provide information to the general public. In furtherance of 52 53 this mission, the Department shall have, without limitation, the following duties to:

54 1. Study the economic and physical condition of the residents in the Commonwealth whose age
55 qualifies them for coverage under Public Law 89-73 or any law amendatory or supplemental thereto of
56 the Congress of the United States, and the employment, medical, educational, recreational and housing

facilities available to them, with the view of determining the needs and problems of such persons; 57

58 2. Determine the services and facilities, private and governmental and state and local, provided for 59 and available to older persons and to recommend to the appropriate persons such coordination of and 60 changes in such services and facilities as will make them of greater benefit to older persons and more 61 responsive to their needs;

62 3. Act as the single state agency, under Public Law 89-73 or any law amendatory or supplemental thereto of the Congress of the United States, and as the sole agency for administering or supervising the 63 64 administration of such plans as may be adopted in accordance with the provisions of such laws. The 65 Department may prepare, submit and carry out state plans and shall be the agency primarily responsible 66 for coordinating state programs and activities related to the purposes of, or undertaken under, such plans 67 or laws;

68 4. Apply, with the approval of the Governor, for and expend such grants, gifts or bequests from any 69 source that becomes available in connection with its duties under this section, and may comply with 70 such conditions and requirements as may be imposed in connection therewith;

5. Hold hearings and conduct investigations necessary to pass upon applications for approval of a 71 72 project under the plans and laws set out in subdivision 3, and shall make reports to the Secretary of the 73 United States Department of Health and Human Services as may be required;

74 6. Designate area agencies on aging pursuant to Public Law 89-73 or any law amendatory or 75 supplemental thereto of the Congress of the United States and to adopt regulations for the composition 76 and operation of such area agencies on aging, each of which shall be designated as the lead agency in each respective area for the No Wrong Door system of aging and disability resource centers; 77

78 7. Provide information to consumers and their representatives concerning the recognized features of 79 special care units. Such information shall educate consumers and their representatives on how to choose 80 special care and may include brochures and electronic bulletin board notices; 81

8. Provide staff support to the Commonwealth Council on Aging;

9. Assist state, local, and nonprofit agencies, including, but not limited to, area agencies on aging, in 82 83 identifying grant and public-private partnership opportunities for improving services to elderly 84 Virginians;

85 10. Contract with a not-for-profit Virginia corporation granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code with statewide experience in Virginia in conducting a state long-term care 86 87 ombudsman program or designated area agencies on aging for the administration of the ombudsman 88 program. Such contract shall provide a minimum staffing ratio of one ombudsman to every 2,000 89 long-term care beds, subject to sufficient appropriations by the General Assembly. The Department may 90 also contract with such entities for the administration of elder rights programs as authorized under Public 91 Law 89-73, such as insurance counseling and assistance, and to create an elder information/elder rights 92 center;

93 11. Serve as the focal point for the rights of older Virginians and their families by establishing, maintaining and publicizing (i) a toll-free number and (ii) a means of electronic access to provide 94 95 resource and referral information, and to provide such other assistance and advice as may be requested; 96 and

97 12. Develop and maintain a four-year plan for aging services in the Commonwealth, pursuant to 98 § 2.2-703.1.

99 B. The governing body of any county, city or town may appropriate funds for support of area 100 agencies on aging designated pursuant to subdivision A 6.

C. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall assist the Department in effectuating its functions in 101 102 accordance with its designation as the single state agency as required in subdivision A 3.

103 D. As used in this chapter, "older Virginians" or "older persons" mean persons aged 60 years or 104 older. 105

§ 2.2-703.1. Strategic long-range planning for aging services; four-year plan; report.

106 A. The Department shall develop and maintain a four year plan for aging services in the 107 Commonwealth. Such a plan shall also serve as the State Plan for Aging Services as required by the 108 federal Administration on Aging. In developing the plan, the Department shall consult various state and local agencies, including, but not limited to, Virginia's Area Agencies on Aging, the Commonwealth's 109 110 Health and Human Resources agencies, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the Virginia Housing Development Authority, 111 and the Virginia Department of Corrections, as well as the Commonwealth Council on Aging, the 112 Virginia Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission, and the Virginia Public Guardianship 113 114 and Conservator Program Advisory Board. The Department shall also consult with businesses, nonprofit 115 organizations, and stakeholders as the Department deems appropriate.

B. The four-year plan shall include a description of Virginia's aging population, its impact on the 116 Commonwealth, and issues related to providing services to this population at both the state and local 117

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- 118 levels. The plan shall include factors for the Department to consider in determining when additional 119 funding may be required for certain programs or services. The following shall be included in the plan:
- 120 1. Information on changes in the aging population, with particular attention to the growing diversity 121 of this population including low-income, minority, and non-English speaking older individuals;
- 122 2. Unmet needs and waiting list data for aging-related services as reported by Virginia's Area 123 Agencies on Aging and those state agencies that may maintain and provide this information;
- 124 3. The results of periodic needs surveys and customer satisfaction surveys targeted to older 125 Virginians that may be conducted by the Department, the Area Agencies on Aging, or any other state or 126 local agency;
- 4. An analysis by those state agencies listed in subsection A of how the aging of the population 127 128 impacts their agency and how the agency is responding. This analysis shall be provided to the 129 Department every four years on a schedule and in a format determined by the Department;
- 130 5. The impact of changes in federal and state funding for aging services; and
- 131 6. Any other factors the Department deems appropriate.
- 132 C. In carrying out the above duties, the Commissioner shall submit the plan to the Governor and the 133 General Assembly by November 30 of 2009 and every four years thereafter.
- 134 D. The Commissioner shall also submit an annual report by November 30 of each year to the 135 Governor and the General Assembly on the status of aging services in the Commonwealth. The 136 Department shall develop and maintain a four-year plan for aging services in the Commonwealth. Such 137 plan shall serve to inform the State Plan for Aging Services as required by the federal Administration 138 on Aging. In developing the plan, the Department shall consult (i) various state and local services 139 agencies, (ii) businesses, (iii) nonprofit organizations, (iv) advocacy organizations, (v) universities, (vi) **140** providers, (vii) organizations involved in providing services for and advocating for older Virginians and 141 their caregivers, and (viii) stakeholders, including but not limited to, Virginia's Area Agencies on Aging; the state's health and human resources agencies, boards, councils, and commissions; the Departments of 142 143 Transportation, Rail and Public Transportation, Housing and Community Development, and Corrections; 144 and Virginia Housing Development Authority.
- 145 In addition, the plan shall inform and serve as a resource to a long-term blueprint for state and 146 community planning for aging populations that shall be comprehensive and not limited to traditional 147 health and human services issues, but rather consists of broad-based issues of active daily life in 148 communities throughout the Commonwealth.
- 149 B. The four-year plan shall include:
- 150 1. A description of Virginia's aging population and its impact on the Commonwealth, and issues 151 related to ensuring and providing services to this population at both the state and local level;
- 152 2. Factors for the Department to consider in determining when additional funding may be required 153 for certain programs or services:
- 154 3. Information on changes in the aging populations, with particular attention on the growing 155 diversity of the population including low-income, minority, and non-English speaking older Virginians;
- 156 4. Information on unmet needs and waiting list data for aging-related services as reported by 157 Virginia's Area Agencies on Aging and those state agencies that may maintain and provide this 158 information;
- 159 5. Results from periodic needs surveys and customer satisfaction surveys targeted to older Virginians 160 that may be conducted by the Department, the Area Agencies on Aging, or any other state or local 161 agency from time to time;
- 162 6. An analysis by every state agency of how the aging of the population impacts their agency, its 163 services, and how the agency is responding to this impact. Such analysis shall be provided to the 164 Department every four years on a schedule and in a format determined by the Secretary of Health and 165 Human Resources in coordination with the Department;
- 7. The impact of changes in federal and state funding for aging services; 166
- 167 8. The current status and future development of Virginia's No Wrong Door Initiative; and
- 168 9. Any other factors the Department deems appropriate.
- C. In carrying out the duties provided by this section, the Commissioner shall submit the plan to the 169 Governor and the General Assembly by November 30, 2009. Thereafter, the plan shall be submitted 170 171 every four years beginning on June 30, 2013.
- 172 D. The Commissioner shall also submit a biennial update beginning October 1, 2011, to the 173 Governor and the General Assembly on the status and sufficiency of aging services and supports in the 174 *Commonwealth.*
- 175 § 2.2-708. Coordination of local long-term care services.
- 176 The governing body of each county or city, or a combination thereof, shall designate a lead agency 177 and member agencies to accomplish the coordination of local long-term care services and supports. The
- 178 agencies shall establish a long-term care coordination committee composed of, but not limited to,

179 representatives of each agency. The coordination committee shall guide the coordination and 180 administration of public long-term care services and supports in the locality. The membership of the coordination committee shall be comprised of, but not limited to, representatives of the local department 181 182 of public health, the local department of social services, the community services board or community 183 mental health clinic, the area agency on aging, the local nursing home pre-admission screening team, 184 and representatives of housing, transportation, and other appropriate local organizations that provide long-term care services. A plan shall be implemented that ensures the cost-effective utilization of all 185 186 funds available for long-term care services and supports in the locality. Localities are encouraged to 187 provide services and supports within each category of service in the continuum and to allow one person 188 to deliver multiple services, when possible.

189 § 2.2-712. Powers and duties of the Department with respect to public guardian and conservator190 program.

191 A. The Department shall fund from appropriations received for such purpose a statewide system of local or regional public guardian and conservator programs.

B. The Department shall:

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194 1. Make and enter into all contracts necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and in
 195 furtherance of the purposes as specified in this article in conformance with the Public Procurement Act
 196 (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.).

2. Contract with local or regional public or private entities to provide services as guardians and conservators operating as local or regional Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Programs in those cases in which a court, pursuant to §§ 37.2-1010 and 37.2-1015, determines that a person is eligible to have a public guardian or conservator appointed.

201 3. Adopt reasonable regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) as appropriate to implement, administer and manage the state and local or regional programs authorized by this article, including, but not limited to the adoption of:

a. Minimum training and experience requirements for volunteers and professional staff of the local and regional programs;

b. An ideal range of staff to client ratios for the programs; adoption of procedures to be followed
whenever a local or regional program falls below or exceeds the ideal range of staff to client ratios,
which shall include, but not be limited to, procedures to ensure that services shall continue to be
available to those in need and that appropriate notice is given to the courts, sheriffs, where appropriate,
and the Department; and

c. Procedures governing disqualification of any program falling below or exceeding the ideal range of
staff to client ratios, which shall include a process for evaluating any program that has exceeded the
ratio to assess the effects falling below or exceeding the ideal range of ratios has had or is having upon
the program and upon the incapacitated persons served by the program.

215 The regulations shall require that evaluations occur no less frequently than every six months and 216 shall continue until the staff to client ratio returns to within the ideal range.

4. Establish procedures and administrative guidelines to ensure the separation of local or regional
Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Programs from any other guardian or conservator program
operated by the entity with whom the Department contracts, specifically addressing the need for
separation in programs that may be fee-generating.

5. Establish record-keeping and accounting procedures to ensure that each local or regional program
(i) maintains confidential, accurate and up-to-date records of the personal and property matters over
which it has control for each incapacitated person for whom it is appointed guardian or conservator and
(ii) files with the Department an account of all public and private funds received.

6. Establish criteria for the conduct of and filing with the Department and as otherwise required by
law: values history surveys, annual decisional accounting and assessment reports, the care plan designed
for the incapacitated person and such other information as the Department may by regulation require.

228 7. Establish criteria to be used by the local and regional programs in setting priorities with regard to229 services to be provided.

8. Take such other actions as are necessary to ensure coordinated services and a reasonable review ofall local and regional programs.

232 9. Maintain statistical data on the programs and report such data to the General Assembly on or 233 before January 1 of each even-numbered year as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents regarding the status of the 234 235 Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program and the developing trends with regard to the need 236 for guardians, conservators and other types of surrogate decision-making services. Such statistical data 237 shall be posted on the Department's website. In addition, the Department shall enter into a contract with 238 an appropriate research entity with expertise in gerontology, disabilities and public administration to conduct an evaluation of local public guardian and conservator programs from funds specifically 239

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appropriated and allocated for this purpose, and the evaluator shall provide a report with 240 recommendations to the Department and to the Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board by 241 242 December 1, 2003. Trends identified in the report shall be presented to the General Assembly. The 243 Department shall request such a report from an appropriate research entity every four years, provided the 244 General Assembly appropriates funds for that purpose.

245 10. Recommend appropriate legislative or executive actions.

246 C. Nothing in this article shall prohibit the Department from contracting pursuant to subdivision B 2 247 with an entity that may also provide privately funded surrogate decision-making services, including 248 guardian and conservator services funded with fees generated by the estates of incapacitated persons, 249 provided such private programs are administered by the contracting entity entirely separately from the 250 local or regional Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Programs, in conformity with regulations 251 established by the Department in that respect.

252 D. In accordance with the Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) and recommendations of the 253 Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board, the Department may contract with a not-for-profit 254 private entity that does not provide services to incapacitated persons as guardian or conservator to 255 administer the program, and, if it does, the term "Department" when used in this article shall refer to the 256 contract administrator. 257

§ 2.2-714. Definitions.

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As used in this article, unless the context requires otherwise:

259 "Adult day care services" means the provision of supplementary care and protection during a part of 260 the day only to aged, infirm, or disabled adults. Such services may be in or away from the residence of 261 the aged, infirm, or disabled adult.

262 "Community respite care organization" means a local subdivision of the Commonwealth, a combination of political subdivisions, a separate public agency or a private nonprofit agency exempt 263 264 under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which has the authority under its applicable charter, 265 laws or articles of organization to receive funds to support respite care activities.

266 "Department" means the Department for the Aging. 267

"Fund" means the Virginia Respite Care Grant Fund established by § 2.2-716.

268 "Respite care" means the provision of supplementary care and protection for aged, infirm, or disabled 269 adults. Respite care includes, but is not limited to, adult day care services.

270 § 2.2-720. (Expires July 1, 2014) Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission.

271 A. The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission (Commission) is established as an 272 advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the entity is to assist 273 people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers.

274 B. The Commission shall consist of 15 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed 275 as follows: three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members to 276 be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and 10 members to be appointed by the Governor, of 277 whom seven shall be from among the boards, staffs, and volunteers of the Virginia chapters of the 278 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association and three shall be from the public at large.

279 Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill 280 vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be 281 reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year 282 terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute 283 a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same 284 manner as the original appointments.

285 The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority 286 of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet at least four times each 287 year. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the 288 majority of the voting members so request.

289 C. Members shall receive such compensation for the discharge of their duties as provided in 290 § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the 291 performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of 292 compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department for the Aging. 293

D. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

294 1. Examine the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, as well as the needs 295 of their caregivers, and ways that state government can most effectively and efficiently assist in meeting 296 those needs;

297 2. Develop and promote strategies to encourage brain health and reduce cognitive decline;

298 3. Advise the Governor and General Assembly on policy, funding, regulatory and other issues related 299 to persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers;

300 4. Develop the Commonwealth's plan for meeting the needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and

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301 related disorders and their caregivers, and advocate for such plan;

302 5. Submit a report, including an executive summary to the Governor, General Assembly, and 303 Department, by October 1 of each year to the Governor and General Assembly, an electronic report 304 regarding the activities and recommendations of the Commission, which shall be posted on the 305 Department's website; and

306 6. Establish priorities for programs among state agencies related to Alzheimer's disease and related 307 disorders and criteria to evaluate these programs.

308 E. The Department for the Aging shall provide staff support to the Commission. All agencies of the 309 Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

F. The Commission may apply for and expend such grants, gifts or bequests from any source as may 310 become available in connection with its duties under this section, and may comply with such conditions 311 and requirements as may be imposed in connections therewith. 312

G. This section shall expire on July 1, 2014. 313

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314 § 2.2-2412. Powers and duties of the Board.

The Board shall have the power and duty to:

1. Assist in the coordination and management of the local and regional programs appointed to act as 316 317 public guardians and conservators pursuant to Chapter 10 (§ 37.2-1000 et seq.) of Title 37.2;

318 2. Provide advice and counsel on the provision of high quality guardianship service and avoidance of 319 conflicts of interest;

320 3. Promote the mobilization of activities and resources of public and private sector entities to 321 effectuate the purposes of this article; and

322 4. Make recommendations regarding appropriate legislative and executive actions, including, but not 323 limited to, recommendations governing alternatives for local programs to follow upon repeal of the 324 authority granted to the courts pursuant to § 37.2-1015 to appoint the sheriff as guardian or conservator 325 when the maximum staff-to-client ratio of the local program is met or exceeded; and

5. Submit to the Department by October of each odd-numbered year, a report regarding the activities 326 327 and recommendations of the Board, to be posted on the Department's website. 328

§ 2.2-2626. Commonwealth Council on Aging; purpose; membership; terms.

A. The Commonwealth Council on Aging (the Council) is established as an advisory council, within 329 330 the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council 331 shall be to promote an efficient, coordinated approach by state government to meeting the needs of older 332 Virginians.

333 B. The Council shall consist of 23 24 members as follows: one member from each of the 11 334 congressional districts of the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the 335 General Assembly; four at-large nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House 336 of Delegates; four at-large nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and the Commissioner of the Department for the Aging, the Director of the Department of Medical 337 Assistance Services, the Commissioner of Social Services and, the Secretary of Health and Human 338 339 Resources, and the President of the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging, or their designees, who shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members. Members of the Council shall be citizens of the 340 341 Commonwealth appointed at large without regard to political affiliation but with due consideration of geographical representation. Appointees shall be selected for their ability, and all appointments shall be 342 343 of such nature as to aid the work of the Council and to inspire the highest degree of cooperation and 344 confidence. 345

C. After the initial staggering of terms, all appointments shall be for four-year terms.

346 Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term. No person having served on the 347 Council for two *full* consecutive terms shall be eligible for reappointment to the Council for two years 348 thereafter. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not 349 constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility to serve.

D. The Council shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from among its members and shall 350 351 appoint a secretary and such other officers as it deems necessary and prescribe their duties and terms of 352 office. The Council may adopt bylaws to govern its operations.

E. Members shall receive compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. 353 354 All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and 355 expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department for the Aging. 356

357 F. The Department for the Aging shall provide staff support to the Council.

358 § 2.2-2627. Duties of the Council.

359 A. The Council shall have the following duties:

360 1. Examine the needs of older Virginians and their caregivers and ways in which state government can most effectively and efficiently assist in meeting those needs; 361

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362 2. Advise the Governor and General Assembly on aging issues and aging policy for the363 Commonwealth;

364 3. Advise the Governor on any proposed regulations deemed by the Director of the Department of
365 Planning and Budget to have a substantial and distinct impact on older Virginians *and their caregivers*.
366 Such advice shall be provided in addition to other regulatory reviews required by the Administrative
367 Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.);

368 4. Advocate *for* and *develop assist in developing* the Commonwealth's planning for meeting the needs of the growing number of older Virginians and their caregivers;

370 5. Advise the Governor and General Assembly regarding the activities of the Department for the371 Aging; and

372 6. Assist and advise the Department with the development and ongoing review of the Virginia
373 Respite Care Grant Program pursuant to Article 3 (§ 2.2-714 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of this title.

B. The Council may apply for and expend such grants, gifts, or bequests from any source as may
become available in connection with its duties under this section, and may comply with such conditions
and requirements as may be imposed in connection therewith.

C. For the purposes of this section, "older Virginians" means persons aged sixty 60 years and older.
§ 2.2-5510. Strategic plan.

A. Each agency shall develop and maintain a strategic plan for its operations. The plan shall include:

380 1. A statement of the mission, goals, strategies, and performance measures of the agency that are381 linked into the performance management system directed by long-term objectives;

382 2. Identification of priority and other service populations under current law and how those383 populations are expected to change within the time period of the plan;

384 3. An analysis of any likely or expected changes in the services provided by the agency; and

385 4. An analysis of the impact that the aging of the population will have on its ability to deliver 386 services and a description of how the agency is responding to these changes. Each agency shall report 387 by November 15 of each year to every four years in a manner and time frame established by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources in coordination with the Department for the Aging its 388 389 progress in addressing the impact of the aging of the population, according to guidance established by 390 the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Based upon information received, the Department for the 391 Aging shall prepare a report summarizing the progress made by the agencies and submit such report to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30 of the following year incorporate this information 392 393 into the Plans for Aging Services required pursuant to § 2.2-703.1.

394 B. Strategic plans shall also include the following information:

395 1. Input, output, and outcome measures for the agency;

396 2. A description of the use of current agency resources in meeting current needs and expected future397 needs, and additional resources that may be necessary to meet future needs; and

398 3. A description of the activities of the agency that have received either a lesser priority or have
399 been eliminated from the agency's mission or work plan over the previous year because of changing
400 needs, conditions, focus, or mission.

401 C. The strategic plan shall cover a period of at least two years forward from the fiscal year in which 402 it is submitted and shall be reviewed by the agency annually.

403 D. Each agency shall post its strategic plan on the Internet.

404 2. That § 2.2-709 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.