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HOUSE BILL NO. 1836

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-134.02, relating to hospitals; DNA sampling of infants.

Patrons—O'Bannon, Dance and Herring

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 a section numbered 32.1-134.02 as follows:

§ 32.1-134.02. DNA samples of infants.

Every hospital providing maternity care shall, at such time as the newborn screening required pursuant to § 32.1-65 is performed, obtain a sample of the infant's DNA and provide that sample to the mother of the infant. If the mother of an infant objects to collection of the sample, the sample shall not be taken and provided to the mother of the infant.

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