11102266D 1 SENATE BILL NO. 977 2 3 4 5 Offered January 12, 2011 Prefiled January 11, 2011 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-125.6, relating to nursing homes; investigation of complaints; in-person interviews of residents. 6 Patron—Whipple 7 8 Referred to Committee on Education and Health 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-125.6 as follows: 11 12 § 32.1-125.6. Investigations of complaints; in-person interviews. 13 Whenever the Department investigates a complaint against a nursing home, the Department shall 14 conduct an in-person interview of (i) the complainant, including any long term care ombudsman who 15 submitted or investigated the complaint, and (ii) any patient of the nursing home who is the subject of

the complaint or identified in the complaint, or his legally authorized representative.

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