

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2013 SESSION

CHAPTER 671

An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2974 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sterilization operations for persons capable of informed consent; waiting period.

[H 1876]

Approved March 21, 2013

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2974 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2974. Sterilization operations for persons 18 years or older capable of informed consent.

It shall be lawful for any physician licensed by the Board of Medicine to perform a vasectomy, salpingectomy, or other surgical sexual sterilization procedure on any person ~~eighteen~~ 18 years of age or older, who has the capacity to give informed consent, when so requested in writing by such person. Prior to or at the time of such request, a full, reasonable, and comprehensible medical explanation as to the meaning and consequences of such an operation and as to alternative methods of contraception shall be given by the physician to the person requesting the operation. ~~No such operation shall be performed prior to thirty days from the date of the written request therefor upon a person who has not previously become the natural or adoptive parent of a child.~~