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**SENATE BILL NO. 732** 

Offered January 22, 2016

A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.2-1806 of the Code of Virginia, relating to assisted living facilities; hospice care.

Patron—Hanger

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 63.2-1806 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 63.2-1806. Hospice care; conscience clause.

Notwithstanding § 63.2-1805, at the request of the resident, hospice care may be provided in an assisted living facility under the same requirements for hospice programs provided in Article 7 (§ 32.1-162.1 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1, if the hospice program determines that such program is appropriate for the resident. However, to the extent allowed by federal law, no assisted living facility shall be required to provide or allow hospice care if such hospice care violates the assisted living facility's written religious or moral convictions or policies and such convictions or policies are included in a disclosure statement that is signed by the resident prior to admission.