

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-282 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Chief Medical*
3 *Examiner; appointment, terms, and authority of medical examiners.*

4 [H 1615]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 32.1-282 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 32.1-282. Medical examiners.**

9 A. The Chief Medical Examiner ~~shall~~ *may* appoint for each county and city one or more medical
10 examiners, who shall be licensed as a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, a physician assistant,
11 or a nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth and appointed as agents of the Commonwealth, to assist
12 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner with medicolegal death investigations. A physician assistant
13 appointed as a medical examiner shall have a practice agreement with and be under the continuous
14 supervision of a physician medical examiner in accordance with § 54.1-2952. A nurse practitioner
15 appointed as a medical examiner shall have a practice agreement with and practice in collaboration with
16 a physician medical examiner in accordance with § 54.1-2957.

17 B. *At the request of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Assistant Chief Medical Examiner, or their*
18 *designees, medical examiners may assist the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner with cases requiring*
19 *medicolegal death investigations in accordance with § 32.1-283.*

20 ~~Each~~ C. *The term of each medical examiner appointed pursuant to subsection A, other than an*
21 *appointment to fill a vacancy, shall take office begin on the first day of October of the year of*
22 *appointment. The term of each medical examiner so appointed shall be three years; however, an*
23 *appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term.*

24 ~~C. The Chief Medical Examiner shall fill any medical examiner vacancy for the unexpired term and~~
25 ~~shall make any necessary temporary appointments.~~

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