

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-70 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the statewide cancer*
3 *registry; information on firefighters.*

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5 Approved

[S 347]

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 32.1-70 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 32.1-70. Information from hospitals, clinics, certain laboratories and physicians supplied to**
9 **Commissioner; statewide cancer registry.**

10 A. Each hospital, clinic and independent pathology laboratory shall make available to the
11 Commissioner or his agents information on patients having malignant tumors or cancers. A physician
12 shall report information on patients having cancers unless he has determined that a hospital, clinic or
13 in-state pathology laboratory has reported the information. This reporting requirement shall not apply to
14 basal and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin. Such information shall include the name, address, sex,
15 race, diagnosis and any other pertinent identifying information regarding each such patient and shall
16 include information regarding possible exposure to Agent Orange or other defoliants through their
17 development, testing or use or through service in the Vietnam War. Each hospital, clinic, independent
18 pathology laboratory, or physician shall provide other available clinical information as defined by the
19 Board of Health.

20 B. From such information the Commissioner shall establish and maintain a statewide cancer registry.
21 The purpose of the statewide cancer registry shall include but not be limited to:

22 1. Determining means of improving the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients.

23 2. Determining the need for and means of providing better long-term, follow-up care of cancer
24 patients.

25 ~~2a.~~ 3. Conducting epidemiological analyses of the incidence, prevalence, survival, and risk factors
26 associated with the occurrence of cancer in Virginia.

27 ~~3-~~ 4. Collecting data to evaluate the possible carcinogenic effects of environmental hazards including
28 exposure to dioxin and the defoliant, Agent Orange.

29 ~~4-~~ 5. *Collecting data to evaluate potential links between exposure to fire incidents and cancer*
30 *incidence.*

31 6. Improving rehabilitative programs for cancer patients.

32 ~~5-~~ 7. Assisting in the training of hospital personnel.

33 ~~6-~~ 8. Determining other needs of cancer patients and health personnel.

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