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HOUSE BILL NO. 2425

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-35.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Department of Health; monitoring of health care-associated infections.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-35.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-35.1. Information on health care-associated infections.

Acute care hospitals A. Health care facilities shall report information about nosocomial health care-associated infections to the Board. The Board shall promulgate regulations specifying the infections to be reported, the health care facilities required to report, and the patient populations to be included.

B. Submission of data regarding health care-associated infections to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network shall satisfy the requirement of subsection A, provided the health care facility authorizes the release of the data to the Board. Such hospitals shall release their infection data to the Board of Health. The specific infections to be reported, the hospitals required to report, and patient populations to be included shall be prescribed by Board regulation. Such hospital infection rate data may be released

C. The Board may release facility-specific health care-associated infection information to the public by the Board, upon request.

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