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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a section 3 numbered 32.1-137.06, relating to Lyme disease test result information.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a 7 8 section numbered 32.1-137.06 as follows: 9

§ 32.1-137.06. Lyme disease test result information.

10 A. Every laboratory reporting the results of a test for Lyme disease ordered in an office-based 11 setting by a health care provider shall include a notice to be provided together with such test results 12 when such test results are reported to the health care provider that states: PATIENTS UNDERGOING A LYME DISEASE TEST SHOULD BE AWARE THAT LYME DISEASE TESTS VARY AND MAY 13 PRODUCE RESULTS THAT ARE INACCURATE. THIS MEANS A PATIENT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO 14 RELY ON A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE RESULT. HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED 15 TO DISCUSS LYME DISEASE TEST RESULTS WITH THE PATIENT FOR WHOM THE TEST WAS 16 17 ORDERED. 18 B. A laboratory that complies with this section shall be immune from civil liability absent gross

19 negligence or willful misconduct. ENROLLED

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