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SENATE BILL NO. 1454

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 7 of Chapter 14 of Title 8.01 a section numbered 8.01-413.03, relating to evidence of mental competence; medical scans of brain.

Patron—Ruff (By Request)

Referred to Committee on the Judiciary

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 7 of Chapter 14 of Title 8.01 a section numbered 8.01-413.03 as follows:

§ 8.01-413.03. Evidence of mental competence; medical scans of brain.

In any proceeding where mental competence or mental impairment is at issue, the court shall accept a properly authenticated computed tomography (CT) scan, computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan, or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan that demonstrates that the subject of such scan or image has a normal and uninjured brain as proof of competency and lack of impairment.

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