

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 309

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2403.01, relating to a certain routine component of prenatal care.

[H 1921]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2403.01 as follows:

§ 54.1-2403.01. Routine component of prenatal care.

As a routine component of prenatal care, every practitioner licensed pursuant to this subtitle who renders prenatal care, regardless of the site of such practice, shall advise every pregnant woman who is his patient of the value of testing for Human Immunodeficiency Viruses (HIV) infection and shall request of each such pregnant woman consent to such testing. The confidentiality provisions of § 32.1-36.1, the informed consent stipulations, test result disclosure conditions, and appropriate counseling requirements of § 32.1-37.2 shall apply to any HIV testing conducted pursuant to this section. Practitioners shall counsel all pregnant women with HIV-positive test results about the dangers to the fetus and the advisability of receiving treatment in accordance with the then current Centers for Disease Control recommendations for HIV-positive pregnant women. Any pregnant woman shall have the right to refuse consent to testing for HIV infection and any recommended treatment. Documentation of such refusal shall be maintained in the patient's medical record.