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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 2432**

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 32.1-127.1:02, 32.1-162.5:1, 32.1-162.13:1 and 63.1-178.2, relating to provision of patient records by licensed facilities.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 32.1-127.1:02, 32.1-162.5:1, 32.1-162.13:1 and 63.1-178.2 as follows:

§ 32.1-127.1:02. Provision of records.

No hospital or nursing facility shall charge for furnishing a health record or any part thereof to a patient, his attorney or authorized representative if the record or part thereof is necessary for the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act and the request for the records is accompanied by documentation of the claim or appeal. The record shall be furnished within thirty days of receipt of the request.

§ 32.1-162.5:1. Provision of records.

No hospice shall charge for furnishing a health record or any part thereof to a patient, his attorney or authorized representative if the record or part thereof is necessary for the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act and the request for the records is accompanied by documentation of the claim or appeal. The record shall be furnished within thirty days of receipt of the request.

§ 32.1-162.13:1. Provision of records.

No home care organization shall charge for furnishing a health record or any part thereof to a patient, his attorney or authorized representative if the record or part thereof is necessary for the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act and the request for the records is accompanied by documentation of the claim or appeal. The record shall be furnished within thirty days of receipt of the request.

§ 63.1-178.2. Provision of records.

No adult care residence shall charge for furnishing a health record or any part thereof to a resident, his attorney or authorized representative if the record or part thereof is necessary for the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act and the request for the records is accompanied by documentation of the claim or appeal. The record shall be furnished within thirty days of receipt of the request.