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SENATE BILL NO. 472

Offered January 25, 1994

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9-156 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Health Services Cost Review Council.

Patrons—Potts, Bell, Hawkins, Norment, Robb and Trumbo

Referred to the Committee on General Laws

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9-156 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 12

§ 9-156. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

14 "Consumer" means any person (i) whose occupation is other than the administration of health 15 activities or the provision of health services, (ii) who has no fiduciary obligation to a health care institution or other health agency or to any organization, public or private, whose principal activity is an 16 17 adjunct to the provision of health services, or (iii) who has no material financial interest in the rendering 18 of health services.

19 "Council" means the Virginia Health Services Cost Review Council,

20 "Health care institution" means (i) a general hospital, ordinary hospital, or outpatient surgical 21 hospital, nursing home or certified nursing facility licensed or certified pursuant to Chapter 5, Article 1 (§ 32.1-123 et seq.) of Title 32.1, (ii) a mental or psychiatric hospital licensed pursuant to Chapter 8 22 (§ 37.1-179 et seq.) of Title 37.1 or (iii) a hospital operated by the University of Virginia or Virginia 23 24 Commonwealth University. In no event shall such term be construed to include continuing care 25 retirement communities which file annual financial reports with the State Corporation Commission pursuant to Chapter 49 (§ 38.2-4900 et seq.) of Title 38.2 of the Code of Virginia, any nursing facility 26 27 licensed or certified pursuant to Chapter 5, Article 1 (§ 32.1-123 et seq.) of Title 32.1, any physician's office, nursing care facility of a religious body which depends upon prayer alone for healing, 28 29 independent laboratory, or outpatient clinic.