

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 999

An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-126 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regulation of hospitals, nursing homes, and certified nursing facilities.

[H 918]

Approved April 17, 1996

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-126 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-126. Commissioner to inspect and to issue licenses to or assure compliance with certification requirements for hospitals, nursing homes and certified nursing facilities; notice of denial of license; consultative advice and assistance.

A. Pursuant to this article, the Commissioner shall issue a license for a hospital or nursing home, ~~issue a licenses to, and assure compliance with certification requirements to a hospital, nursing home, or nursing facility, or issue a certification to a facility for hospitals and nursing homes, and assure compliance with certification requirements for facilities~~ owned or operated by ~~an agency~~ agencies of the Commonwealth as defined in subdivision (vi) of § 32.1-124, which after inspection ~~is~~ are found to be in compliance with the provisions of this article and with all applicable state and federal regulations. The Commissioner shall notify by certified mail or by overnight express mail any applicant denied a license ~~or certification~~ of the reasons for such denial.

B. The Commissioner shall cause each and every hospital, nursing home, and certified nursing facility to be inspected periodically, but not less often than ~~annually~~ biennially, in accordance with the provisions of this article and regulations of the Board.

C. The Commissioner may, in accordance with regulations of the Board, provide for consultative advice and assistance, with such limitations and restrictions as he deems proper, to any person who intends to apply for a hospital or nursing home license or nursing facility certification.