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## HOUSE BILL NO. 952

House Amendments in [ ] — February 10, 1996

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-429 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 2.1-429 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-429. Laboratory, testing, and analytical functions.

A. The Division shall provide, but not be limited to, the following specific laboratory, testing and analytical functions:

1. Maintain laboratories for the examination of clinical material and pathological specimens submitted by members of the medical profession of the Commonwealth and for which the Division may charge fees to recover full costs.

2. Provide laboratory services for the testing and analysis of various products, foods, drinks, economic poisons and other materials regulated or controlled by the Commonwealth.

3. Provide laboratory services for the analysis and examination of samples and materials related to environmental control.

4. Establish and conduct programs of inspection and certification of other laboratories in the Commonwealth as mandated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (P.L. 93-523) and state requirements pursuant to that Act.

5. [Repealed.]

B. No fee shall be charged for the analyses of water samples which are required by regulations of the Department of Health or for feed and fertilizer samples which are required by regulations of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

C. The Division may provide, upon request of any law-enforcement agency, chemical and microbiological testing and analytical functions related to any criminal investigation. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or preclude the Division of Forensic Science from conducting all necessary testing and analytical functions associated with any criminal investigation.

D. Upon request of a bidder on any state contract which requires the Division to test or analyze the product being offered by the bidder, [ the Director of ] the Division [ of Purchases and Supply ] may allow such bidder or his representative to witness the test or analysis.

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