

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-373.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to State Long-Term Care*
3 *Ombudsman.*

4 [S 319]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.1-373.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 2.1-373.1. Access to residents, facilities and patients' records by Office of State Long-Term Care
9 Ombudsman.

10 The ~~personnel~~ entity designated by the Department for the Aging to operate the programs of the
11 Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman pursuant to the Older Americans Act, Public Law
12 100-175, shall, in the investigation of complaints referred to the program, have the same access (i) to
13 residents, facilities and patients' records of licensed adult care residences as is provided for in § 63.1-177
14 and (ii) to patients, facilities and patients' records of nursing facilities or nursing homes as is provided
15 for in § 32.1-25, and shall have access to the patients, residents and patients' records of state hospitals
16 operated by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.
17 However, if a patient is unable to consent to the review of his medical and social records and has no
18 legal guardian, such representatives shall have appropriate access to such records in accordance with the
19 provisions above. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 32.1-125.1, the ~~personnel~~ entity designated by the
20 Department for the Aging to operate the programs of the Office of the State Long-Term Care
21 Ombudsman shall have access to nursing facilities and nursing homes and state hospitals as herein
22 provided. Access to residents, facilities and patients' records shall be during normal working hours
23 except in emergency situations.

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