973742456 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2528 2 3** House Amendments in [] — February 4, 1997 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-260.1, relating to 4 5 6 7 falsification [ or destruction ] of patient records; penalty. Patrons—Spruill, Brickley, Christian, Crittenden, Croshaw, Deeds, Jackson and McEachin 8 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-260.1 as follows: 11 § 18.2-260.1. Falsifying [ or destroying ] patient records. 12 13

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[ If a health care provider, or any person who administers prescription medication to another, fraudulently makes a false entry in, or erases, alters, secretes, or destroys any patient record, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any person fraudulently falsifies or alters any patient record shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.]