

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-70 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 32.1-70.1 of the Code*
3 *of Virginia, relating to the statewide cancer registry.*

4 [S 548]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 32.1-70 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 32.1-70. Information from hospitals, clinics, certain laboratories and physicians supplied to
9 Commissioner; statewide cancer registry.

10 A. Each hospital, clinic and independent pathology laboratory shall make available to the
11 Commissioner or his agents ~~abstracts of their records of information on~~ patients having malignant
12 tumors or cancers. *A physician shall report information on patients having cancers unless he has*
13 *determined that a hospital, clinic or in-state pathology laboratory has reported the information. This*
14 *reporting requirement shall not apply to basal and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin.* Such ~~abstracts~~
15 *information* shall include the name, address, sex, race, diagnosis and any other pertinent identifying
16 information regarding each such patient and shall include information regarding possible exposure to
17 Agent Orange or other defoliants through their development, testing or use or through service in the
18 Vietnam War. Each hospital, clinic, ~~or~~ independent pathology laboratory ~~may elect to~~, *or physician shall*
19 *provide more extensive other available clinical information as defined by the Commissioner Board of*
20 *Health.*

21 B. From such ~~abstracts information~~ the Commissioner shall establish and maintain a statewide cancer
22 registry. The purpose of the statewide cancer registry shall include but not be limited to:

23 1. Determining means of improving the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients.

24 2. Determining the need for and means of providing better long-term, follow-up care of cancer
25 patients.26 2a. Conducting epidemiological analyses of the incidence, prevalence, survival, and risk factors
27 associated with the occurrence of cancer in Virginia.28 3. Collecting data to evaluate the possible carcinogenic effects of environmental hazards including
29 exposure to dioxin and the defoliant, Agent Orange.

30 4. Improving rehabilitative programs for cancer patients.

31 5. Assisting in the training of hospital personnel.

32 6. Determining other needs of cancer patients and health personnel.

33 **2. That § 32.1-70.1 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

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