993311843

1

9

10 11 12

13

14 15 16

HOUSE BILL NO. 1558

Offered January 13, 1999 Prefiled January 12, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 50 of Title 38.2 a section numbered 38.2-5004.1, relating to Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program; notification of possible beneficiaries.

Patron-Woodrum

Referred to Committee on Corporations, Insurance and Banking

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 50 of Title 38.2 a section numbered 38.2-5004.1 as follows:

§ 38.2-5004.1. Notification of possible beneficiaries.

When a claim is made to an insurance company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia or to any self-insurer, alleging that a possible birth-related neurological injury or a severe adverse outcome related to a birth has occurred, such insurance company or self-insurer shall report such claim to the program on a form provided by the program. Upon receipt of such report, the program shall inform the parent or parents or guardians of the child on whose behalf such claim has been made of the program's existence and eligibility requirements. No liability or inference of liability or eligibility shall attach to the making of such report. The making of such report shall not be admissible in any court.