

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 8.01-581.15 of the Code of Virginia, relating to limitation on recovery*
3 *in medical malpractice actions.*

4 [S 1230]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 8.01-581.15 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 8.01-581.15. Limitation on recovery in certain medical malpractice actions.

9 In any verdict returned against a health care provider in an action for malpractice where the act or
10 acts of malpractice occurred on or after ~~October 4, 1983~~ *August 1, 1999*, which is tried by a jury or in
11 any judgment entered against a health care provider in such an action which is tried without a jury, the
12 total amount recoverable for any injury to, or death of, a patient shall not exceed ~~one~~ *\$1.5 million*
13 ~~dollars~~. *The maximum recovery limit of \$1.5 million shall increase on July 1, 2000 and each July 1*
14 *thereafter by \$50,000 per year; however, the annual increase on July 1, 2007, and the annual increase*
15 *on July 1, 2008, shall be \$75,000 per year. Each annual increase shall apply to the act or acts of*
16 *malpractice occurring on or after the effective date of the increase. The July 1, 2008 increase shall be*
17 *the final annual increase.*

18 In interpreting this section, the definitions found in § 8.01-581.1 shall be applicable.

19 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on August 1, 1999.**

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