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## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to require a study of the cancer registry.

3 [S 942] 4

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## Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Cancer registry to be studied.

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The Joint Commission on Health Care shall study the cancer registry, including an analysis of the exchange of patient-identifying information pursuant to reciprocal data-sharing agreements with other cancer registries and confidentiality protections for patient data. In its study, the Joint Commission shall examine the potential for inappropriate disclosure of patient data as a result of such data exchange, whether the registry should be required to obtain the patient's consent, and any appropriate penalties for breach of confidentiality.