

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2005 SESSION

CHAPTER 177

An Act relating to hospital and nursing home licensure; Board of Health regulations on design and construction.

[H 2366]

Approved March 20, 2005

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. Certain design and construction standards to be incorporated in hospital and nursing home licensure regulations.*

Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the Board of Health shall promulgate regulations pursuant to § 32.1-127 of the Code of Virginia for the licensure of hospitals and nursing homes that shall include minimum standards for the design and construction of hospitals, nursing homes, and certified nursing facilities consistent with the current edition of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities issued by the American Institute of Architects Academy of Architecture for Health.

2. **That the Board of Health shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**