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## **SENATE BILL NO. 1207**

Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled January 13, 2009

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 34 of Title 54.1 an article numbered 8, consisting of sections numbered 54.1-3473 and 54.1-3474, relating to disposal of unused pharmaceuticals.

## Patron—Puckett

## Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 34 of Title 54.1 an article numbered 8, consisting of sections numbered 54.1-3473 and 54.1-3474 as follows:

Article 8.

Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program.

§ 54.1-3473. Program created.

The Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program is established to ensure the safe, effective, and proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals. For the purpose of compliance with federal law and regulations, the return of any pharmaceuticals pursuant to this article is deemed to be for law-enforcement purposes.

The program shall be administered by the Virginia Department of State Police (Department) in cooperation with the Board of Pharmacy (Board).

§ 54.1-3474. Return of pharmaceuticals; disposal.

The Department, together with the Board, shall establish a system for the return of unused pharmaceuticals to a single collection location, which shall be under the control of the Department. The Department shall ensure that only Department officers handle unused pharmaceuticals collected pursuant to this article.

Unused pharmaceuticals shall be disposed of by the Department in a manner determined by the Board to be in compliance with local, state, and federal law and regulation, including environmental regulations.