

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-308.1, relating to an acute*
3 *psychiatric bed registry.*

4 [H 1232]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-308.1 as follows:**8 **§ 37.2-308.1. Acute psychiatric bed registry.**

9 *A. The Department shall develop and administer a web-based acute psychiatric bed registry to*
10 *collect, aggregate, and display information about available acute beds in public and private inpatient*
11 *psychiatric facilities and public and private residential crisis stabilization units to facilitate the*
12 *identification and designation of facilities for the temporary detention and treatment of individuals who*
13 *meet the criteria for temporary detention pursuant to § 37.2-809.*

14 *B. The acute psychiatric bed registry created pursuant to subsection A shall:*

15 *1. Include descriptive information for every public and private inpatient psychiatric facility and every*
16 *public and private residential crisis stabilization unit in the Commonwealth, including contact*
17 *information for the facility or unit;*

18 *2. Provide real-time information about the number of beds available at each facility or unit and, for*
19 *each available bed, the type of patient that may be admitted, the level of security provided, and any*
20 *other information that may be necessary to allow employees or designees of community services boards*
21 *and employees of inpatient psychiatric facilities or public and private residential crisis stabilization units*
22 *to identify appropriate facilities for detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for*
23 *temporary detention; and*

24 *3. Allow employees and designees of community services boards, employees of inpatient psychiatric*
25 *facilities or public and private residential crisis stabilization units, and health care providers as defined*
26 *in § 8.01-581.1 working in an emergency room of a hospital or clinic or other facility rendering*
27 *emergency medical care to perform searches of the registry to identify available beds that are*
28 *appropriate for the detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.*

29 *C. Every state facility, community services board, behavioral health authority, and private inpatient*
30 *provider licensed by the Department shall participate in the acute psychiatric bed registry established*
31 *pursuant to subsection A and shall designate such employees as may be necessary to submit information*
32 *for inclusion in the acute psychiatric bed registry and serve as a point of contact for addressing*
33 *requests for information related to data reported to the acute psychiatric bed registry.*

34 *D. The Commissioner may enter into a contract with a private entity for the development and*
35 *administration of the acute psychiatric bed registry established pursuant to subsection A.*

36 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**