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SENATE BILL NO. 671**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 4, 2016)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Black)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2963.3, relating to treatment of a patient for Lyme disease.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2963.3 as follows:

§ 54.1-2963.3. Treatment of Lyme disease.

No health care provider who provides treatment for Lyme disease or other tick-borne disease in accordance with a clinical practice guideline maintained by the National Guideline Clearinghouse after obtaining informed consent, which shall include an explanation of the risks and benefits of such treatment, from the patient to whom treatment is provided shall be the subject of any disciplinary proceeding by the Board of Medicine for following such clinical practice guideline, absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.

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