

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 51.5-154 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Alzheimer's Disease and*
3 *Related Disorders Commission; sunset.*

4 [H 1716]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 51.5-154 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 51.5-154. (Expires July 1, 2017) Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission;**
9 **report.**10 A. The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission (the Commission) is established as
11 an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the entity is to
12 assist people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers.13 B. The Commission shall consist of 15 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed
14 as follows: three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members to
15 be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and 10 members to be appointed by the Governor, of
16 whom seven shall be from among the boards, staffs, and volunteers of the Virginia chapters of the
17 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association and three shall be from the public at large.18 Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill
19 vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be
20 reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year
21 terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute
22 a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
23 manner as the original appointments.24 The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority
25 of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet at least four times each
26 year. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the
27 majority of the voting members so request.28 C. Members shall receive such compensation for the discharge of their duties as provided in
29 § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the
30 performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of
31 compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department.

32 D. The Commission shall have the power and duty to:

33 1. Examine the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, as well as the needs
34 of their caregivers, and ways that state government can most effectively and efficiently assist in meeting
35 those needs;

36 2. Develop and promote strategies to encourage brain health and reduce cognitive decline;

37 3. Advise the Governor and General Assembly on policy, funding, regulatory, and other issues
38 related to persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers;39 4. Develop the Commonwealth's plan for meeting the needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and
40 related disorders and their caregivers, and advocate for such plan;41 5. Submit to the Governor, General Assembly, and Department by October 1 of each year an
42 electronic report regarding the activities and recommendations of the Commission, which shall be
43 *submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of*
44 *Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be*
45 *posted on the General Assembly's website and the Department's website; and*46 6. Establish priorities for programs among state agencies related to Alzheimer's disease and related
47 disorders and criteria to evaluate these programs.48 E. The Department shall provide staff support to the Commission. All agencies of the
49 Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.50 F. The Commission may apply for and expend such grants, gifts, or bequests from any source as
51 may become available in connection with its duties under this section and may comply with such
52 conditions and requirements as may be imposed in connections therewith.53 G. This section shall expire on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2020.