

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Health to include certain information regarding cognitive impairment*
3 *in its public health outreach programs.*

4 [S 305]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. § 1.** *The Department of Health in partnership with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders*
8 *Commission, the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and the Alzheimer's Association,*
9 *shall in its existing, relevant public health outreach programs incorporate information (i) to educate*
10 *health care providers on the importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment,*
11 *validated cognitive assessment tools, the value of a Medicare Annual Wellness visit for cognitive health,*
12 *and the new Medicare care planning billing code for individuals with cognitive impairment and (ii) to*
13 *increase understanding and awareness of early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and other types of*
14 *dementia, the value of early detection and diagnosis, and how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline,*
15 *particularly among persons in diverse communities who are at greater risk of developing Alzheimer's*
16 *disease and other types of dementia.*

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