

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 59.1-9.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Antitrust Act;*
3 *exemption for certain hospitals.*

4 [S 989]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 59.1-9.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 59.1-9.4. Certain activities not prohibited.**9 ~~(a)~~ A. No provision of this chapter shall be construed to make illegal:10 ~~(1)~~ 1. The activities of any labor or professional organization or of individual members thereof that
11 are directed solely to labor or professional objectives legitimate under the laws of ~~this the~~
12 Commonwealth or the United States.13 ~~(2)~~ 2. The activities of any agricultural or horticultural cooperative organization, or of individual
14 members thereof, to the extent necessary to achieve the aims of the enacted laws of either ~~this the~~
15 Commonwealth or the United States.16 ~~(3)~~ 3. The bona fide religious and charitable activities of any nonprofit corporation, trust or
17 organization established exclusively for religious or charitable purposes.18 ~~(4) The activities of any nonprofit hospital, or of any officer, director or employee thereof, that are~~
19 ~~directed to a reduction in services or an improvement in the quality of services to the extent that any~~
20 ~~such reduction or improvement will reduce, stabilize or limit cost increases.~~21 ~~(b)~~ B. Nothing contained in this chapter shall make unlawful conduct that is authorized, regulated or
22 approved ~~(1) (i)~~ by a statute of ~~this the~~ Commonwealth; or ~~(2) (ii)~~ by an administrative or
23 constitutionally established agency of ~~this the~~ Commonwealth or of the United States having jurisdiction
24 of the subject matter and having authority to consider the anticompetitive effect, if any, of such conduct.
25 Nothing in this ~~paragraph~~ subsection shall be construed to alter or terminate any other applicable
26 limitation, exemption or exclusion.

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