

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 18,*
3 *consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.13, relating to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias;*
4 *early detection and diagnosis; risk reduction and care planning.*

5 [S 572]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered**
9 **18, consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.13, as follows:**

10 *Article 18.*11 *Alzheimer's Disease.*

12 **§ 32.1-73.13. Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; early detection and diagnosis; risk**
13 **reduction and care planning.**

14 *Using such funds as may be available for such purpose, the Department, in consultation with the*
15 *Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, shall have the lead responsibility for (i) educating*
16 *and informing the public, based on evidence-based public health research and data, about Alzheimer's*
17 *disease and related dementias; (ii) supporting early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and*
18 *related dementias; (iii) reducing the risk of potentially avoidable hospitalizations for individuals with*
19 *Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; (iv) reducing the risk of cognitive decline and cognitive*
20 *impairment associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and (v) supporting care planning*
21 *and management for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The Department shall*
22 *use targeted strategies specific to the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.*
23 *The Department shall cooperate with federal, state, and local agencies, private and public agencies, and*
24 *other interested persons in order to address and reduce the risks and impairments associated with*
25 *Alzheimer's disease and related dementias within the Commonwealth.*

26 *The provisions of this section shall not limit the powers and duties of other state agencies.*

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