

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2022 SESSION

## CHAPTER 232

*An Act to require the Department of Health to develop recommendations for protocols for hospitals that provide obstetrical services related to admission and readmission of patients.*

[H 1107]

Approved April 8, 2022

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

**1.** § 1. *That the Department of Health (the Department) shall develop recommendations for protocols for hospitals that provide obstetrical services for (i) admission or transfer of any pregnant woman who presents herself while in labor or while experiencing a perinatal emergency and (ii) direct readmission, if appropriate, to the hospital of any patient who (a) received obstetrical services from the hospital, (b) experiences postpartum complications requiring immediate medical care, and (c) is referred to the hospital by the patient's health care provider. The Department shall make such recommendations available to every hospital in the Commonwealth that provides obstetrical services by December 15, 2022.*