

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 10.1-200.01 and 22.1-206.1,*  
3 *relating to Lyme disease; signage; instructional resources and materials.*

4 [H 850]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 10.1-200.01 and 22.1-206.1**  
8 **as follows:**9 **§ 10.1-200.01. Lyme disease signage.**10 *A. The Department shall develop and post in each state park and interstate park signage addressing*  
11 *the appropriate steps a visitor can take to prevent tick bites, how to identify Lyme disease, and where to*  
12 *seek treatment.*13 *B. The Department shall install such signage first in those areas in the Commonwealth that have*  
14 *been identified as most susceptible to Lyme disease and shall complete the installation of such signage*  
15 *in all state parks and interstate parks by January 1, 2028.*16 *C. Until it completes the installation of all such signage, the Department shall report its progress*  
17 *annually to the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate*  
18 *Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources.*19 **§ 22.1-206.1. Lyme disease; instructional resources and materials.**20 *The Secretary of Education, in collaboration with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and*  
21 *the Secretary of Natural Resources, shall develop instructional resources and materials to assist school*  
22 *boards and local and regional public libraries in establishing an education and awareness program to*  
23 *protect children from Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections. Such instructional resources and*  
24 *materials (i) shall be appropriate for individuals of school age; (ii) shall provide information on the*  
25 *identification of ticks, recommended procedures for safe tick removal, and best practices to provide*  
26 *protection from ticks; (iii) may include video productions, pamphlets, and demonstration programs to*  
27 *illustrate the sizes of various ticks, including sizes before and after each variety has become engorged,*  
28 *to assist with the identification of a tick and the reaction on the skin that may result from a tick bite;*  
29 *and (iv) shall be made available to school boards and local and regional public libraries upon request*  
30 *at no charge.*