

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 42.1-78 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Public Records*
3 *Act; confidentiality of certain archived records.*

4 [H 1844]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 42.1-78 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 42.1-78. Confidentiality safeguarded.**

9 Any records made confidential by law shall be so treated. Records that by law are required to be
10 closed to the public shall not be deemed to be made open to the public under the provisions of this
11 chapter. Records in the custody of The Library of Virginia that are required to be closed to the public
12 shall be open for public access 75 years after the date of creation of the record. No provision of this
13 chapter shall be construed to authorize or require the opening of any records ordered to be sealed by a
14 court; however, upon a petition filed with the clerk, a judge may enter an order releasing any record
15 sealed prior to January 1, 1901. *Medical and educational records made confidential by law shall remain*
16 *so after being deposited in the archives.* All records deposited in the archives that are not made
17 confidential by law shall be open to public access.

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