

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

CHAPTER 803

An Act to require a study of the cancer registry.

[S 942]

Approved March 29, 1999

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Cancer registry to be studied.

The Joint Commission on Health Care shall study the cancer registry, including an analysis of the exchange of patient-identifying information pursuant to reciprocal data-sharing agreements with other cancer registries and confidentiality protections for patient data. In its study, the Joint Commission shall examine the potential for inappropriate disclosure of patient data as a result of such data exchange, whether the registry should be required to obtain the patient's consent, and any appropriate penalties for breach of confidentiality.