

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act requiring the Joint Commission on Health Care to study nursing home licensure regulations*  
3 *and centers of excellence in nursing homes.*

4 [S 1172]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 1. § 1. *Study of nursing home licensure regulations and centers of excellence in nursing homes.*8 A. *The Joint Commission on Health Care shall (i) study the adequacy of current Virginia regulations*  
9 *for licensure of nursing homes and the advisability of utilizing "deemed status" for nationally accredited*  
10 *nursing homes with the assistance of the Department of Health, and (ii) examine the concept of centers*  
11 *of excellence in long-term care in cooperation with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.*12 B. *The Joint Commission shall examine the Commonwealth's nursing home licensure regulations to*  
13 *determine: (i) means for making such regulations more outcome oriented and focused on continuous*  
14 *quality improvement, (ii) opportunities for gathering additional resident and family input as part of the*  
15 *licensure process for nursing homes, (iii) the advisability of accepting national accreditation as evidence*  
16 *of compliance with state licensure standards, and (iv) other states' laws regarding deemed status for*  
17 *state licensure of nursing homes.*18 C. *The Joint Commission shall examine the concept of centers of excellence with regard to long-term*  
19 *care reimbursement, specialized care programs, best management practices, and other issues as*  
20 *appropriate in cooperation with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.*21 D. *The Joint Commission shall submit its report to the Senate Committee on Education and Health*  
22 *and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions prior to October 1, 1999.*

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