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SENATE BILL NO. 1172

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on January 28, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Woods)

A BILL to require a study of licensure regulations of nursing homes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Study of licensure regulations of nursing homes.

A. The Joint Commission on Health Care, with the assistance of the Department of Health, shall study the adequacy of current Virginia regulations for licensure of nursing homes and the advisability of utilizing "deemed status" for nationally accredited nursing homes.

B. In its study, the Joint Commission shall examine the Commonwealth's nursing home licensure regulations to determine: (i) means for making such regulations more outcome oriented and focused on continuous quality improvement, (ii) opportunities for gathering additional resident and family input as part of the licensure process for nursing homes, (iii) the advisability of accepting national accreditation as evidence of compliance with state licensure standards, and (iv) other states' laws regarding deemed status for state licensure of nursing homes.

C. The Joint Commission shall submit its report to the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions prior to October 1, 1999.

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