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## SENATE BILL NO. 942

Offered January 18, 1999

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-71 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the cancer registry; penalty.*

Patrons—Mims; Delegate: McQuigg

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 32.1-71 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-71. Confidential nature of information supplied; publication; reciprocal data-sharing agreements.

A. The Commissioner and all persons to whom information is submitted in accordance with § 32.1-70 shall keep such information confidential. No publication of any such information shall be made except in the form of statistical or other studies which do not identify individual cases.

B. The Commissioner may enter into reciprocal data-sharing agreements with other cancer registries for the exchange of information. Upon the provision of satisfactory assurances for the preservation of the confidentiality of such information, patient-identifying information may be exchanged with other cancer registries which have entered into reciprocal data-sharing agreements with the Commissioner. *However, patient-identifying information shall not be disclosed for any patient who has requested in writing that such information be kept confidential.*

C. *Any person who willfully or through gross negligence makes an unauthorized disclosure in violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties defined in § 32.1-27.*

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