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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2228**

Offered January 13, 2025

Prefiled January 7, 2025

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 37.2-800, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating to special conservators of the peace; emergency and involuntary civil admissions.*

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

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

**1. That § 37.2-800, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 37.2-800. (Expires July 1, 2026) Applicability of chapter.**

For the purposes of this chapter, whenever the term mental illness appears, it shall include substance abuse. Whenever the term responsible person appears, it shall include a family member as that term is defined in § 37.2-100, a community services board or behavioral health authority, any treating physician of the person, a certified evaluator as defined in § 37.2-809, or a law-enforcement officer. Whenever the term community services board or board appears, it shall include behavioral health authority. *Whenever the term law-enforcement officer appears, it shall include a special conservator of the peace authorized by an order of appointment pursuant to § 19.2-13 that he is a "law-enforcement officer" for the purposes of Article 4 (§ 37.2-808 et seq.).*

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