

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force to develop recommendations for establishing an*
3 *expedited application and review process for certain projects for which a certificate of public need is*
4 *required.*

5 [S 1203]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. § 1.** *That the State Health Commissioner shall direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force (the Task*
9 *Force) to develop recommendations, including project eligibility criteria, for establishing an expedited*
10 *application and review process for projects for which a certificate of public need is required that are*
11 *located in an area that meets at least two of the following criteria: (i) does not have a hospital or health*
12 *care provider (a) within a 30-mile radius where the population density is estimated to be less than 1,500*
13 *residents per square mile or (b) does not have a hospital or health care provider within a 15-mile radius*
14 *where the population density is estimated to be more than 1,500 residents per square mile; (ii) has less than*
15 *one primary care physician per 3,500 residents; or (iii) has an annual poverty rate of at least 20 percent,*
16 *according to the latest data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.*