

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 18.2 a section numbered*  
3 *18.2-415.1, relating to obstructing health care facility access; penalties.*

4 [S 1324]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 18.2 a section**  
8 **numbered 18.2-415.1 as follows:**

9 **§ 18.2-415.1. Obstructing health care facility access; penalties.**

10 *A. For purposes of this section, "health care facility" means any institution, place, building, or agency*  
11 *that is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized or permitted by law to administer or provide medical*  
12 *treatment in the Commonwealth.*

13 *B. Any person not authorized by the health care facility who knowingly obstructs, detains, hinders,*  
14 *impedes, blocks, or delays another person's entry to or exit from such health care facility is guilty of a Class*  
15 *1 misdemeanor.*

16 *C. No person shall knowingly approach another person within eight feet of such person in the public way*  
17 *or sidewalk area within a radius of 40 feet from any entrance door to a health care facility, unless such other*  
18 *person consents to the approach, for the purpose of giving, tendering, or exhibiting any material to,*  
19 *displaying a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education, or counseling with such other person.*

20 *Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.*

21 *D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to place any restriction on the content of any message that*  
22 *anyone may wish to communicate to anyone else, either inside or outside the regulated areas.*

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