

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-134.03, relating to maternal*
3 *health; protocols and resources for hospitals and outpatient providers; report.*

4 [H 2753]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-134.03 as follows:**8 **§ 32.1-134.03. Maternal health; protocols and resources for hospitals and outpatient providers; report.**9 *A. In order to improve maternal health outcomes and address the most common causes of maternal*
10 *mortality in the Commonwealth, the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative (VNPC) shall:*11 *1. Develop training materials and standardized management protocols for inpatient providers regarding*
12 *the treatment of obstetric emergencies, the recognition of urgent maternal warning signs, and the transfer of*
13 *pregnant and postpartum patients, based on clinical safety bundles established by the Alliance for Innovation*
14 *on Maternal Health; and*15 *2. Develop training materials and provider-specific checklists for outpatient providers regarding the*
16 *treatment of obstetric emergencies, the recognition of urgent maternal warning signs, and the transfer of*
17 *pregnant and postpartum patients, based on clinical safety bundles established by the Alliance for Innovation*
18 *on Maternal Health.*19 *B. When developing such standardized protocols pursuant to subdivision A 1, VNPC shall collaborate*
20 *with facilities and account for their specific resources, patient populations, and care models.*21 *C. All hospitals with an emergency department or labor and delivery, freestanding emergency*
22 *departments, and birthing centers as defined in § 63.2-1914 shall implement standardized protocols for*
23 *identifying and responding to obstetric emergencies, including obstetric hemorrhage, preeclampsia,*
24 *eclampsia, and other life-threatening conditions based on the protocols developed by the VNPC.*25 *D. The VNPC shall collect data relating to the implementation of the standardized protocols pursuant to*
26 *subsection C and maternal health outcomes and submit a report on such data by October 1 of each year to*
27 *the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and*
28 *Health, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Health and Human*
29 *Services, and the House Committee on Appropriations.*

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