

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Bureau of Insurance to study step therapy protocols for health benefit plans; report.*

3 [H 2258]

4 Approved

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

6 **1.** § 1. *The Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission (the Bureau) shall study the step*
7 *therapy protocols for health benefit plans developed pursuant to § 38.2-3407.9:05 of the Code of Virginia*
8 *by conducting a data call of health carriers that ascertains (i) the aggregate number of step therapy*
9 *exception requests, acceptances, denials, appeals, and reversals; (ii) the percentages of reversals of step*
10 *therapy exception request denials; (iii) the time frame for responses, reconsiderations, and final decisions*
11 *regarding step therapy exception requests; (iv) the number of step therapy protocols that are introduced,*
12 *revised, or removed each quarter; and (v) data on the specialties of step therapy protocols, such as those*
13 *used specifically for oncology, rheumatology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, or neurosurgery. The Bureau*
14 *shall submit an executive summary of the study and a report of its findings and recommendations to the*
15 *Governor and General Assembly no later than November 1, 2026. The executive summary and report shall*
16 *be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the*
17 *processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2027 Regular Session of the*
18 *General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.*

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