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HOUSE BILL NO. 43

Offered January 14, 2026

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-16.1, relating to abolishing the common-law crime of suicide.*

Patron—Simon

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-16.1 as follows:

§ 18.2-16.1. Common-law crime of suicide abolished.

The common-law crime of suicide is hereby abolished.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

3. That the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission shall review the effect and implication of abolishing the common-law crime of suicide on insurance throughout the Commonwealth and submit its findings and any recommendations by November 1, 2026, to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice.

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