

2026 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 137**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 6, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 18.2 a section numbered*
5 *18.2-415.1, relating to obstructing health care facility access; penalties.*

6 Patron—Pekarsky

7 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

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

11 **§ 18.2-415.1. Obstructing health care facility access; penalties.**

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

15 **B. Any person not authorized by the health care facility who knowingly obstructs, detains, hinders,**
16 **impedes, blocks, or delays another person's entry to or exit from such health care facility is guilty of a Class**
17 **1 misdemeanor.**

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

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

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

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