

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force to develop recommendations for designating*  
3 *areas of the state with identifiable need for certain projects and expedited review criteria for those*  
4 *projects and to direct the Board of Health to update regulations implementing expedited application and*  
5 *review.*

6 [H 1337]

7 Approved

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

9 **1.** § 1. *That the State Health Commissioner (the Commissioner) shall direct the State Health Services Plan*  
10 *Task Force (the Task Force) to develop recommendations on options for designating areas of the state with*  
11 *an identifiable need for additional projects, taking into account the unique geographic, socioeconomic,*  
12 *cultural, transportation, and other barriers to access to health care. The Task Force shall also develop*  
13 *recommendations on specific criteria for determining when expedited review should apply to projects*  
14 *located in such areas. The Commissioner shall report such recommendations to the Chair and members of*  
15 *the Senate Committee on Education and Health by October 1, 2026.*

16 § 2. *That the Board of Health shall promulgate updated regulations to implement the expedited*  
17 *application and review process for any certificate for projects reviewable pursuant to subdivision A 5 of*  
18 *§ 32.1-102.2, including criteria and considerations that the State Health Commissioner shall apply when*  
19 *making a determination to approve or disapprove such expedited application, by January 1, 2027.*