

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a section numbered*
3 *32.1-137.012, relating to service member community members; medical care facilities; health care equity.*

4 [H 1504]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a section**
8 **numbered 32.1-137.012 as follows:**

9 **§ 32.1-137.012. *Service member community members; health care equity.***

10 **A. For the purposes of this section:**

11 *"Service member" means an individual who is a member of the active or reserve components of the Army,*
12 *Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric*
13 *Administration, or Public Health Service of the United States.*

14 *"Service member community member" means a service member, a veteran, the spouse of a service*
15 *member or veteran, the child of a service member or veteran, or the stepchild of a service member or veteran.*

16 *"Veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service of the United*
17 *States and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.*

18 **B. A medical care facility may screen each patient for information on the patient's eligibility as a service**
19 **member community member and include in such patient's medical record whether the patient is a service**
20 **member community member.**

21 **C. A medical care facility may identify service member community members as a vulnerable population**
22 **and comply with the standards associated with the most recent National Patient Safety Goal to Improve**
23 **Health Care Equity report published by The Joint Commission.**