

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 51.5-154 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Alzheimer's Disease and Related*  
 3 *Disorders Commission; sunset extension.*

4 [S 682]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 51.5-154 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 51.5-154. (Expires July 1, 2026) Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission; report.**

9 A. The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission (the Commission) is established as an  
 10 advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the entity is to assist  
 11 people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers.

12 B. The Commission shall have a total membership of 20 members, consisting of 15 nonlegislative citizen  
 13 members and five ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: three  
 14 members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members to be appointed by the  
 15 Senate Committee on Rules; and 10 members to be appointed by the Governor, of whom seven shall be from  
 16 among the boards, staffs, and volunteers of the Virginia chapters of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related  
 17 Disorders Association and three shall be from the public at large. The Commissioner of the Department for  
 18 Aging and Rehabilitative Services, the Commissioner of Health, the Director of the Department of Medical  
 19 Assistance Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services,  
 20 and the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with  
 21 nonvoting privileges, for a term coincident with their term of office.

22 Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall be appointed for a term  
 23 of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired  
 24 terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than  
 25 two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy  
 26 shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled  
 27 in the same manner as the original appointments.

28 The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the  
 29 voting members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet at least four times each year. The  
 30 meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the voting  
 31 members so request.

32 C. Members shall receive such compensation for the discharge of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813.  
 33 All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
 34 duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the  
 35 members shall be provided by the Department.

36 D. The Commission shall have the power and duty to:

37 1. Examine the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, as well as the needs of  
 38 their caregivers, and ways that state government can most effectively and efficiently assist in meeting those  
 39 needs;

40 2. Develop and promote strategies to encourage brain health and reduce cognitive decline;

41 3. Advise the Governor and General Assembly on policy, funding, regulatory, and other issues related to  
 42 persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers;

43 4. Develop the Commonwealth's plan for meeting the needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and  
 44 related disorders and their caregivers, and advocate for such plan;

45 5. Submit to the Governor, General Assembly, and Department by October 1 of each year an electronic  
 46 report regarding the activities and recommendations of the Commission, which shall be submitted for  
 47 publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated  
 48 Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General  
 49 Assembly's website and the Department's website; and

50 6. Establish priorities for programs among state agencies related to Alzheimer's disease and related  
 51 disorders and criteria to evaluate these programs.

52 E. The Department shall provide staff support to the Commission. All agencies of the Commonwealth  
 53 shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

54 F. The Commission may apply for and expend such grants, gifts, or bequests from any source as may  
 55 become available in connection with its duties under this section and may comply with such conditions and  
 56 requirements as may be imposed in connections therewith.

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57 G. This section shall expire on July 1, ~~2026~~ 2029.