

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-405.3, relating to Board of*
3 *Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; regulations; emergency medical simulations;*
4 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.*

5 [H 1370]
6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-405.3 as follows:**

9 **§ 37.2-405.3. *Regulations for providers; emergency medical simulations; cardiopulmonary***
10 ***resuscitation.***

11 *The Board shall adopt regulations requiring providers that deliver services to individuals with*
12 *developmental disabilities, mental health disorders, and substance use disorders to:*

13 *1. Conduct regular emergency medical simulations and train employees that regularly engage with people*
14 *receiving services. Such emergency medical simulations and training shall prepare employees of the provider*
15 *to recognize and respond to situations where individuals receiving services require emergency medical*
16 *treatment.*

17 *2. Require at least one employee trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to be on duty at each location*
18 *where services are delivered. Employees who hold a current certificate as an emergency medical technician*
19 *shall be deemed to meet training requirements.*

20 **2. That the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall, in collaboration with**
21 **stakeholders, adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective by December 1,**
22 **2026. Such initial adoption of regulations shall be exempt from the requirements of the Administrative**
23 **Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia).**