

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2026 SESSION

CHAPTER 474

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

[H 1504]

Approved April 8, 2026

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

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

A. For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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

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