

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2026 SESSION

CHAPTER 785

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-16.1, relating to abolishing the common-law crime of suicide.

[H 43]

Approved April 13, 2026

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-16.1 as follows:

§ 18.2-16.1. Common-law crime of suicide abolished.

The common-law crime of suicide is hereby abolished.

2. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

3. That the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission shall review the effect and implication of abolishing the common-law crime of suicide on insurance throughout the Commonwealth and submit its findings and any recommendations by November 1, 2026, to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice.