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HOUSE BILL NO. 983

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 27 of Title 3.1 an article numbered 1.2, consisting of a section numbered 3.1-741.6, relating to compensation for loss of animals or animal products.*

Patron—Lewis

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 27 of Title 3.1 an article numbered 1.2, consisting of a section numbered 3.1-741.6 as follows:

§ 3.1-741.6. *Compensation for animals slaughtered or animals or animal products destroyed to control or eradicate an animal disease outbreak.*

When, in the judgment of the State Veterinarian, it is necessary for the control or eradication of an animal disease outbreak to slaughter or destroy animals or destroy animal products affected with or exposed to such disease and when the Commissioner determines that there should be compensation to owners and, when applicable, individuals contracted by the owners to produce such animals or animal products for loss thereof, the Commissioner, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, may, within his discretion, use funds so appropriated to pay to the appropriate persons and individuals a portion of the difference between the appraised value of each animal destroyed or slaughtered or animal product destroyed and the total of the value of the salvage thereof and any compensation made for each animal or animal product by the federal government.

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