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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2365

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-97.1, relating to larceny of a dog collar; penalty.*

Patrons—Scott, E.T., Bell and Fralin

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-97.1 as follows:**

*§ 18.2-97.1. Larceny of a dog collar; penalty.*

*Any person who commits the larceny of an electronic, radio transmitting, or other collar from a dog is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor; however, if the animal wearing the collar is lost or killed as a result of the collar theft, the person is guilty of a Class 5 felony. Upon a finding of guilt, the court shall order that the defendant pay \$1,000 restitution for any dog lost or killed, or greater proven actual damages. Such proven actual damages may include training expenses and lost breeding revenues.*

**2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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