

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-97.1, relating to removal of a dog collar; penalty.

[S 1180]

Approved

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. Removal of a dog collar; penalty.

Any person who removes from a dog an electronic or radio transmitting collar without the permission of the owner of the dog and with the intent to prevent or hinder the owner from locating the dog, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Upon a finding of guilt, the court shall order that the defendant pay as restitution the actual value of any dog lost or killed as a result of such removal. The court may also order restitution to the owner for any lost breeding revenues.