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SENATE BILL NO. 1345

Offered January 16, 2007

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 3.1-796.124:1, relating to the reporting of suspected dogfighting; penalty.

Patron—Lambert (By Request)

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 3.1-796.124:1 as follows:

§ 3.1-796.124:1. Reporting of suspected dogfighting; penalty.

A. Any public employee, volunteer at or employee of a pound or shelter, or veterinarian, after observing an injury to any dog that is consistent with the fighting of dogs, who fails to report such observations to the animal control officer or a law-enforcement officer for the jurisdiction where the observation occurred, is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

B. The reporting of the observation may be written or oral and shall include (i) the date and time of the observation, (ii) the owner's name, if known, (iii) the injury observed, and (iv) other particulars the animal control or law-enforcement officer deems appropriate.

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