

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2010 SESSION

## CHAPTER 574

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3812.1, relating to veterinarians; reporting suspected animal cruelty.*

[H 1145]

Approved April 11, 2010

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-3812.1 as follows:**

*§ 54.1-3812.1. Reporting of animal cruelty.*

*Any veterinarian who makes a report of suspected animal cruelty or who provides records or information related to a report of suspected cruelty or testifies in any judicial proceeding arising from such report, records, or information shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability or administrative penalty or sanction on account of such report, records, information, or testimony, unless such veterinarian acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.*