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HOUSE BILL NO. 340

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
on February 3, 2016)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Orrock)

A BILL directing the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt regulations for private animal shelters.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall adopt regulations that establish the purposes of private animal shelters. At a minimum, such regulations shall consider:

1. A requirement that the organization operating a private animal shelter submit to the State Veterinarian the governing documents of the organization, including a statement of the goals of the organization and its adoption policies;

2. The criteria to be used by a private animal shelter for accepting, delaying acceptance, or denying acceptance of an animal into the facility;

3. The number of adoptions completed and other dispositions, including reasons for euthanasia; and

4. Other requirements recommended by the Office of the State Veterinarian.

§ 2. Regulations to be adopted by the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall ensure that no private animal shelter shall be prohibited from operating as a private animal shelter solely on the basis of disposition outcomes in § 3.2-6548 of the Code of Virginia.

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