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**HOUSE BILL NO. 865**

Offered January 10, 2018

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 3.2-6537 of the Code of Virginia, relating to pet shops; local ordinance; bond for out-of-state breeder.*

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

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

**1. That § 3.2-6537 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 3.2-6537. Ordinances; penalties.**

A. The governing body of any locality may, by ordinance, require a person operating a pet shop or operating as a dealer in companion animals to obtain a permit. Such local governing body ~~may~~ shall charge no more than \$50 per year for such permit. The revenues derived therefrom shall be used for the administration and enforcement of such ordinance. *Such*

~~The aforementioned~~ ordinance may ~~provide~~: (i) *require* that records be kept by the permittees as are deemed necessary; (ii) *provide* for public hearing prior to issuance, renewal, or revocation of any such permit; or (iii) *provide* for the denial of issuance, denial of renewal, or ~~for the~~ revocation of such permit for fraudulent practices or inhumane treatment of the animals dealt with by the permittee.

The ordinance may provide for either a criminal penalty not to exceed a Class 3 misdemeanor or a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for any violation of the ordinance. Any civil penalties collected shall be deposited by the local treasurer pursuant to § 3.2-6534.

B. *The governing body of any locality may, by ordinance, require a person operating a pet shop or operating as a dealer in companion animals who offers for sale a companion animal obtained from a commercial breeder located outside the Commonwealth to furnish a bond in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each such breeder supplying an animal to the shop or dealer.*

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