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SENATE BILL NO. 1011

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 9 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section numbered 3.2-6573.1, relating to the establishment of the Animal Cruelty Conviction List.

Patrons—Stanley and Boysko; Delegate: Kory

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 in Article 9 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section numbered 3.2-6573.1 as follows:

§ 3.2-6573.1. Animal Cruelty Conviction List established.

A. The Superintendent of State Police shall establish within the Department of State Police, by July 1, 2022, a computerized Animal Cruelty Conviction List (the List). Access to the List shall be made available to the public on the website of the Department of State Police.

B. The List shall be composed of a database of information regarding persons convicted on or after July 1, 2019, of a felony violation of § 3.2-6570, 3.2-6571, 18.2-144, or 18.2-144.1. Information on the List shall include the name of the offender at the time of conviction as well as the offense for which the offender was convicted and the date and jurisdiction of conviction.

C. The Department of State Police shall maintain the List and update it regularly.

D. The Department of State Police shall automatically purge from the List a person's name and information 15 years after its listing if the person has no additional felony conviction of an offense listed in this section.

E. Any person convicted of a felony violation of any section listed in subsection B shall pay a fee upon conviction in the amount of \$50 per conviction that shall be used by the Department of State Police to pay for the maintenance of the List.

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