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SENATE BILL NO. 303

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 3.2-6511.2, relating to import and sale of dogs from certain breeders; penalty.*

Patrons—Stanley, Lewis and Morrissey

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 3.2-6511.2 as follows:

§ 3.2-6511.2. Dealers; importation and sale of dogs; penalty.

A. No dealer or commercial dog breeder shall import for sale, sell, or offer for sale any dog bred by a person who has received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, pursuant to enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) or regulations adopted thereunder, (i) a citation for a direct or critical violation or citations for three or more indirect or noncritical violations for at least two years prior to the procurement of the dog or (ii) two consecutive citations for no access to the facility prior to the procurement of the dog.

B. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for each dog imported, sold, or offered for sale.

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