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HOUSE BILL NO. 523 Offered January 12, 2022

Prefiled January 11, 2022

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 3.2-6592.1, relating to breeding of dogs and cats for research; reporting.

Patrons—Convirs-Fowler, Gooditis and Hope

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake 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 3.2-6592.1 as follows: § 3.2-6592.1. Reporting required by certain breeders.

Any person who or entity that breeds dogs or cats for sale or transfer to an animal testing facility shall report monthly to the State Veterinarian, in a manner prescribed by the State Veterinarian, the *following information:*

- 1. The number of dogs and cats at the breeder's facility;
- 2. The number of births of dogs and cats at the breeder's facility in the prior month;
- 3. The number of dogs and cats acquired, other than by birth at the facility, in the prior month;
- 4. The number of deaths of dogs and cats at the facility in the prior month, and whether each death was assisted or unassisted. If a death was unassisted, the report shall also include the cause of death;
- 5. A list of dogs and cats sold, transferred or released to domestic or international animal testing facilities, including a separate list for the sale, transfer, or release of dogs or cats to animal testing facilities within the Commonwealth; and
- 6. Any other disposition of a cat or dog in the prior month not captured by the requirement of subdivisions 4 and 5.