

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 3.2 a section*
3 *numbered 3.2-108.2, relating to slaughter and meat-processing facilities.*

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5 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 3.2 a section**
9 **numbered 3.2-108.2 as follows:**

10 **§ 3.2-108.2. *Expansion of the Commonwealth's slaughter and meat-processing facilities.***

11 *A. It is the policy of the Commonwealth to encourage the growth of all segments of its agricultural*
12 *industry. The General Assembly finds that the livestock industry has a significant impact on the*
13 *Commonwealth's economy and that it is to the Commonwealth's benefit to encourage, expand, and*
14 *develop slaughter and meat-processing facilities with strategic planning and programs that provide*
15 *financial incentives and technical assistance to encourage and supplement private capital. The General*
16 *Assembly finds that it is to the Commonwealth's benefit to maintain a state meat inspection program in*
17 *cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.*

18 *B. The Department shall establish a strategic plan to increase the combined throughput capacity of*
19 *inspected slaughter and meat-processing facilities in the Commonwealth and provide recommendations*
20 *to the General Assembly as to how to implement the strategic plan.*

21 *C. To the extent that public or private funds become available, the Department may establish a*
22 *program of financial incentives and technical assistance designed to encourage, expand, and develop*
23 *slaughter and meat-processing facilities in the Commonwealth.*

24 **2. That the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall develop a five-year strategic**
25 **plan to achieve an increase in the total combined throughput capacity of inspected slaughter and**
26 **meat-processing facilities. The strategic plan shall be completed by January 1, 2023.**