

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 13 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section*
3 *numbered 3.2-6593.2, relating to animal testing facilities; public notification.*

4 [H 2348]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 13 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a**
8 **section numbered 3.2-6593.2 as follows:**9 **§ 3.2-6593.2. *Animal testing facilities; public notification.***10 *A. For the purposes of this section:*11 *"Animal" means any live vertebrate nonhuman species except fish.*12 *"Animal testing facility" means any facility of a state agency or institution of higher education that*
13 *confines and uses animals for research, education, testing, or other experimental, scientific, or medical*
14 *purposes. "Animal testing facility" does not include any agricultural operation, as that term is defined in*
15 *§ 3.2-300, or any agricultural education event.*16 *"Animal test method" means a process or procedure that uses animals for research, education,*
17 *testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical purposes.*18 *"Animal Welfare Act" means the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.).*19 *"APHIS" means the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*20 *"Contract testing facility" means any partnership, corporation, association, or other legal*
21 *relationship that conducts research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical studies*
22 *on behalf of another entity.*23 *"Critical noncompliance" means an instance of noncompliance that resulted in a serious or adverse*
24 *effect on the health and well-being of one or more animals, as determined by the U.S. Department of*
25 *Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*26 *"Federal facility" means any building or infrastructure used or to be used by the federal government,*
27 *including any building or infrastructure located on lands owned by the federal government.*28 *"Inspection report" means any report issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant*
29 *Health Inspection Service to an animal testing facility.*30 *B. Any animal testing facility, contract testing facility, or manufacturer that uses an animal test*
31 *method shall display a link to its annual report (APHIS Form 7023), as submitted to the U.S.*
32 *Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act, on the homepage or landing page of the*
33 *facility's or manufacturer's website on or before December 1 for the preceding federal fiscal year.*34 *C. Any animal testing facility shall, within 30 days of receiving an inspection report, make such*
35 *inspection report publicly available along with any other relevant U.S. Department of Agriculture*
36 *incident reports and relevant documents generated from internal reviews by either (i) displaying a link*
37 *to access such information on the homepage or landing page of the animal testing facility's website or*
38 *(ii) if such animal testing facility does not have a website, issuing a press release or other similar*
39 *publication.*40 *D. If an animal testing facility operated by an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth*
41 *receives a citation for critical noncompliance under the Animal Welfare Act or regulations adopted*
42 *thereunder, such animal testing facility shall notify the leadership of such institution of higher education,*
43 *including the president, dean, and board of visitors or board of trustees.*44 *E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any federal facility or privately owned licensed*
45 *veterinary practice.*