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1   **HOUSE BILL NO. 2348**

2   AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

3   (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4   on February 20, 2023)

5   (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Webert)

6 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 13 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section*

7   *numbered 3.2-6593.2, relating to animal testing; annual report.*

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

9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 13 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a**

10 **section numbered 3.2-6593.2 as follows:**

11   *§ 3.2-6593.2. Animal testing; annual report.*

12   *A. For the purposes of this section:*

13   *"Animal" means any live vertebrate nonhuman animal.*

14   *"Animal testing facility" means any facility of a state agency or institution of higher education that*

15 *confines and uses animals for research, education, testing, or other experimental, scientific, or medical*

16 *purposes. "Animal testing facility" does not include any agriculture operation, as that term is defined in*

17 *§ 3.2-300, or any agricultural education event.*

18   *"Animal test method" means a process or procedure that uses animals for research, education,*

19 *testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical purposes.*

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   *B. Any animal testing facility, contract testing facility, or manufacturer that uses an animal test*

24 *method shall submit an annual report on or before December 1 for the preceding federal fiscal year to*

25 *the Department in a form prescribed by the Department. The annual report shall include the facility*

26 *name and the total number of animals used for research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific,*

27 *or biomedical purposes with such animals identified and grouped according to species.*