

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 3.1-796.70 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the sale of unweaned or*  
3 *certain immature animals; penalty.*

4 [H 1958]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 3.1-796.70 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 3.1-796.70. Sale, etc., of unweaned or certain immature animals prohibited, vaccinations required  
9 for dogs and cats; penalty.

10 A. No person shall sell, raffle, or offer for sale as pets or novelties, or offer or give as a prize,  
11 premium, or advertising device any living chicks, ducklings, or other fowl under two months old in  
12 quantities of less than six or any unweaned mammalian companion animal *or any dog under the age of*  
13 *seven weeks without its dam, or any cat under the age of seven weeks without its queen.* Dealers may  
14 offer immature fowl, ~~or~~ unweaned mammalian companion animals, *dogs or cats under the age of seven*  
15 *weeks* for sale as pets or novelties with the requirement that prospective owners take possession of the  
16 animals only after fowl ~~reach~~ *have reached* two months of age ~~and~~, mammalian companion animals  
17 have been weaned, *and dogs and cats are at least seven weeks of age.* Nothing in this section shall  
18 prohibit the sale of an unweaned animal (i) as food for other animals or (ii) with the lactating dam *or*  
19 *queen* or a lactating surrogate dam *or queen* that has accepted the animal.

20 B. *Dealers shall provide all dogs and cats with current vaccinations against contagious and*  
21 *infectious diseases, as recommended in writing and considered appropriate for the animal's age and*  
22 *breed by a licensed veterinarian, or pursuant to written recommendations provided by the manufacturer*  
23 *of such vaccines at least five days before any new owner takes possession of the animal. For dogs, the*  
24 *vaccinations required by this subsection shall include at a minimum canine distemper, adenovirus type II*  
25 *parainfluenza, and parvovirus. For cats, the vaccinations required by this subsection shall include at a*  
26 *minimum rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, and panleukopenia. Dealers shall provide the new owner with the*  
27 *dog's or cat's immunization history.*

28 C. A violation of this section is *punishable* as a Class 3 misdemeanor.