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HOUSE BILL NO. 294

Offered January 11, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1-796.120 of the Code of Virginia, relating to humane investigators and animal shelters.

Patrons—Johnson (By Request), Shuler and Thomas

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 3.1-796.120 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 3.1-796.120. Gift, sale, or delivery of animals from pounds or animal shelters.

A. The governing body of any political subdivision shall dispose of impounded animals in accordance with the provisions of § 3.1-796.96. Any proceeds deriving from the gift, sale, or delivery of such animals shall be paid directly to the treasurer of the political subdivision, and no part of such proceeds shall accrue to any individual.

B. The ~~board of directors of an incorporated humane society~~ following shall confine and dispose of animals in ~~its~~ *their* custody in accordance with the provisions of § 3.1-796.96:

1. Any humane investigator who has custody of any animal pursuant to his official duties;

2. Any humane society; and

3. Any animal shelter.

Animals which have been confined at a county or city pound as required by § 3.1-796.96 prior to being delivered to a local humane society *or animal shelter* may be immediately placed for adoption, or humanely euthanized in accordance with methods approved by the State Veterinarian. Any proceeds deriving from the gift, sale, or delivery of such animals shall be paid directly to the clerk or treasurer of the humane society for the expenses of the society and expenses incident to any agreement concerning the disposing of such animal. No part of the proceeds shall accrue to any individual except for the aforementioned purposes. Humane societies, *humane investigators and animal shelters* shall keep accurate records of all animals handled. Records shall include a description of the animal including color, breed, sex, approximate weight, reason for bringing in, age, owner's or finder's name, address and telephone number, license number or other identifying tags or markings, as well as disposition of the animal.

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