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HOUSE BILL NO. 925

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
on February 6, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Morgan)

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3804.1, relating to regulations of the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-3804.1 as follows:

§ 54.1-3804.1. Regulations shall not prohibit certain activities.

No regulation of the Board shall prohibit any veterinarian licensed by the Board from examining any animal and expressing a professional judgment as to its health at (i) genetic screening clinics where animals are examined for cardiac, ophthalmic and auditory diseases, (ii) agricultural fairs, (iii) 4-H or other youth organization competitions, (iv) livestock auctions, (v) horse races, (vi) fox hunts, (vi) pet adoption events, (viii) animal shows, including but not limited to, dog shows, cat shows and horse shows, or (ix) drug testing at shows and events.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

3. That this act shall expire on the date that regulations promulgated by the Board of Veterinary Medicine that accomplish the intent of this act become effective.

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