

# 1998 SESSION

## HOUSE SUBSTITUTE

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1153

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture  
on February 12, 1998)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Callahan)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3806.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to animal medical care facility disclosure forms.*

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

**1. That § 54.1-3806.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 54.1-3806.1. Disclosure forms required.

Any animal medical care facility in the Commonwealth, excluding those facilities dealing with livestock, as defined in § 3.1-796.66, which does not provide continuous medical care for all animals left in its charge shall, before taking charge of an animal, provide the client or agent thereof with a disclosure form which specifies the hours and days when continuous medical care is not available at the facility. *Such form shall be separate and apart from any other form or information provided by the facility.* Except in emergency situations when time or circumstances do not permit, such facilities may take charge of an animal only after the client or agent thereof has signed the disclosure form and returned it to the facility. ~~Signed disclosure forms~~ *Only one signed form per client shall be required, and the form shall be kept on file by all such facilities the facility.*

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