

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

CHAPTER 376

An Act to amend and reenact § 3.1-796.106:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to humane investigators.

[H 1982]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.1-796.106:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1-796.106:1. Revocation of appointment of humane investigators; State Veterinarian may investigate allegations.

A. Upon a motion by the attorney for the Commonwealth, the circuit court that appointed a humane investigator may revoke his appointment if he is no longer able to perform the duties of a humane investigator ~~or~~; has been convicted of any felony, Class 1 misdemeanor, or a violation of any provision of this chapter or any other law regarding animals; *or for good cause shown*. The court shall notify the State Veterinarian of each such revocation.

B. The State Veterinarian may investigate any allegation that a humane investigator has violated this chapter and report his findings and recommendations to the attorney for the Commonwealth. The State Veterinarian may authorize a State Veterinarian's representative to conduct such investigation. The report shall be held confidential except that the substance of the allegation against the humane investigator shall be disclosed to the humane investigator upon his written request.