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HOUSE BILL NO. 334

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 1, 2008)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate McClellan)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-97 of the Code of Virginia, relating to larceny of certain animals; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-97 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-97. Larceny of certain animals and poultry.

A. Any person who shall be guilty of the larceny of a dog, horse, pony, mule, cow, steer, bull or calf shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony; and any person who shall be guilty of the larceny of any poultry of the value of \$5 dollars or more, but of the value of less than \$200, or of a sheep, lamb, swine, or goat, of the value of less than \$200, shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

B. Any person who commits larceny of a companion cat shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony. For the purposes of this subsection, a companion cat is a domesticated feline that is owned by an individual, animal shelter, or an animal rescue organization that provides food and shelter to it.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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