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SENATE BILL NO. 410

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 52-9.3, relating to payments or reimbursements for the care of certain dogs removed from service with the Department of State Police.*

Patron—Puckett

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 52-9.3 as follows:

§ 52-9.3. Provision of care for certain former State Police dogs.

From such funds as are appropriated for the purpose, the Superintendent shall establish within the Department of State Police a program to pay for or make reimbursement of the direct expenses for the provision of care to those State Police dogs that have been removed by the Department from service with the Department because of age, injury, or inability to perform the functions required of State Police dogs. Such direct expenses shall include, but are not limited to, expenses for food, veterinary costs and veterinarian-prescribed medications, and surgical procedures. The Department shall issue written guidelines for purposes of implementation of the program, which shall include guidelines for payments or reimbursements to the handlers or owners of such dogs for such direct expenses.

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