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HOUSE BILL NO. 1145

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3812.1, relating to veterinarians; reporting suspected animal cruelty.

Patrons—Scott, J.M. and Kory

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-3812.1 as follows:

§ 54.1-3812.1. Reporting of animal cruelty.

Any veterinarian who, in his professional capacity, believes or has reason to believe that an animal has been subjected to animal cruelty, as defined in § 3.2-6570, shall immediately report the matter to any animal control officer, law-enforcement officer, or representative of the State Veterinarian. Any veterinarian who in good faith makes a report of suspected animal cruelty pursuant to this section shall not be liable for civil damages resulting from such report.

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