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SENATE BILL NO. 32**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
on January 23, 2014)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stanley)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 9 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section numbered 3.2-6573.1, relating to the establishment of an animal cruelty registry.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 9 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section numbered 3.2-6573.1 as follows:

§ 3.2-6573.1. Animal Cruelty Registry established.

The Superintendent of State Police shall establish, organize, and maintain within the Department of State Police a computerized Animal Cruelty Registry as a database of information regarding persons convicted of a felony violation of (i) cruelty to animals as provided by § 3.2-6570; (ii) animal fighting as provided by § 3.2-6571; (iii) maiming, killing, or poisoning an animal as provided by § 18.2-144; (iv) killing or injuring a police animal as provided by § 18.2-144.1; or (v) any substantially similar law of any other state or the United States. Information on the Registry shall include the name and address of the offender at the time of conviction as well as the offense for which the offender was convicted and the date and place of conviction. Access to the Animal Cruelty Registry shall be made available to the public on the website of the Department of State Police.

On a form promulgated by the Department of State Police, a person may request removal of his name and information from the Registry not less than 15 years after registration, provided he has no additional felony convictions of an offense listed in this section.