

16104831D

**HOUSE BILL NO. 340****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Orrock)

House Amendments in [ ] — February 8, 2016

A *BILL directing the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt regulations for private animal shelters.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. *§ 1. The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall adopt regulations that establish the purposes of private animal shelters. At a minimum, such regulations shall consider:*

1. *A requirement that the organization operating a private animal shelter submit to the State Veterinarian the governing documents of the organization, including a statement of the goals of the organization and its adoption policies;*

2. *The criteria to be used by a private animal shelter for accepting, delaying acceptance, or denying acceptance of an animal into the facility;*

3. *The number of adoptions completed and other dispositions, including reasons for euthanasia; and*

4. *Other requirements recommended by the Office of the State Veterinarian.*

§ 2. *Regulations to be adopted by the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall ensure that no private animal shelter shall be prohibited from operating as a private animal shelter solely on the basis of [ disposition outcomes in § 3.2-6548 of the Code of Virginia the number of adoptions completed ] .*

ENGROSSED

HB340EH1