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HOUSE BILL NO. 802

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-3806 and 54.1-3812.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to veterinary technicians; supervision; reporting of animal cruelty.*

Patron—James

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 54.1-3806 and 54.1-3812.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3806. Licensed veterinary technicians.

The Board may license a veterinary technicians technician to perform, in the employ acts relating to the treatment or the maintenance of the health of any animal under the immediate and direct supervision of a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine and under his immediate and direct supervision and control, acts relating to maintenance of the health of or treatment of any animal. A person licensed as a veterinary technician may not receive compensation for such acts other than such salary as he may be paid by the employing in the Commonwealth or a veterinarian who is employed by the United States or the Commonwealth while actually engaged in the performance of his official duties. No person licensed as a veterinary technician may perform surgery, diagnose, or prescribe medication for any animal.

§ 54.1-3812.1. Reporting of animal cruelty.

Any veterinarian person regulated by the Board who makes a report of suspected animal cruelty or who provides records or information related to a report of suspected cruelty or testifies in any judicial proceeding arising from such report, records, or information shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability or administrative penalty or sanction on account of such report, records, information, or testimony, unless such veterinarian person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

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