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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 870**
2 Offered January 10, 2018
3 Prefiled January 9, 2018
4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section*
5 *numbered 15.2-926.4, relating to cash bond; pet shops obtaining animals from a dealer.*
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8 Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a**
12 **section numbered 15.2-926.4 as follows:**
13 *§ 15.2-926.4. Cash bond for a pet shop obtaining animals from a dealer.*
14 *A. Any locality may, by ordinance, require a pet shop to furnish a cash bond of up to $5,000 per*
15 *dealer from whom the pet shop has obtained an animal for sale within the past year.*
16 *Any cash bond collected by a locality pursuant to this section shall be held in escrow to be returned*
17 *to the pet shop until such time as a pet shop is no longer in business, the pet shop has not conducted*
18 *business with such dealer within the past year, or the bond is disbursed as provided by subsection C.*
19 *B. For the purposes of this section, "dealer" has the same meaning as that term is defined in 9*
20 *C.F.R 1.1, but "dealer" does not include a person who has obtained a commercial dog breeding license*
21 *pursuant to § 3.2-6507.1.*
22 *C. If, at any time within 10 days following receipt of an animal, a licensed veterinarian certifies*
23 *such animal to be unfit for purchase due to illness, a congenital defect deleterious to the health of the*
24 *animal, or the presence of symptoms of a contagious or infectious disease other than parvovirus, or if,*
25 *at any time within 14 days following the receipt of an animal, a licensed veterinarian certifies such*
26 *animal to be unfit for purchase due to being infected with parvovirus, and the pet shop or dealer cannot*
27 *provide an appropriate remedy, the locality may use such bond to compensate the purchaser of the*
28 *animal.*