

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 3.2-6509.1, relating to disclosure*
3 *of animal bite history; penalty.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 3.2-6509.1 as follows:**

8 **§ 3.2-6509.1. Disclosure of animal bite history; penalties.**

9 *A. Any custodian of a releasing agency, animal control officer, law-enforcement officer, or humane*
10 *investigator, upon taking custody of any dog or cat in the course of his official duties, shall ask and*
11 *document whether, if known, the dog or cat has bitten a person or other animal and the circumstances*
12 *and date of such bite. Any custodian of a releasing agency, animal control officer, law-enforcement*
13 *officer, or humane investigator, upon release of a dog or cat for (i) adoption, (ii) return to a rightful*
14 *owner, or (iii) transfer to another agency, shall disclose, if known, that the dog or cat has bitten a*
15 *person or other animal and the circumstances and date of such bite.*

16 *B. Violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor.*

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