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SENATE BILL NO. 1271

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
on January 31, 2023)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Boysko)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 13 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section numbered 3.2-6593.2, relating to animal testing; annual report.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 13 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section numbered 3.2-6593.2 as follows:

§ 3.2-6593.2. Animal testing; annual report.

A. For the purposes of this section:

"Animal" means any live vertebrate nonhuman animal.

"Animal testing facility" means any facility of a state agency or institution of higher education that confines and uses animals for research, education, testing, or other experimental, scientific, or medical purposes. "Animal testing facility" does not include any agriculture operation, as that term is defined in § 3.2-300, or any agricultural education event.

"Animal test method" means a process or procedure that uses animals for research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical purposes.

"Contract testing facility" means any partnership, corporation, association, or other legal relationship that conducts research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical studies on behalf of another entity.

B. Any animal testing facility, contract testing facility, or manufacturer that uses an animal test method shall submit an annual report on or before December 1 for the preceding federal fiscal year to the Department in a form prescribed by the Department. The annual report shall include the facility name and the total number of animals used for research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical purposes with such animals identified and grouped according to species.