

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.5, relating to*
3 *manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing xylazine; penalty.*

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5 Approved

[S 614]

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.5 as follows:**

8 **§ 18.2-251.5. Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing xylazine; penalties.**

9 *A. Any person who knowingly manufactures, sells, gives, distributes, or possesses with the intent to*
10 *manufacture, sell, give, or distribute the substance xylazine, when intended for human consumption, is*
11 *guilty of a Class 5 felony.*

12 *B. Any person who knowingly possesses the substance xylazine, when intended for human*
13 *consumption, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

14 *C. Notwithstanding subsections A and B, it shall not be an offense to (i) manufacture xylazine for*
15 *legitimate veterinary use; (ii) distribute or sell xylazine for authorized veterinary use; (iii) possess,*
16 *administer, prescribe, or dispense xylazine in good faith for use by animals within the course of*
17 *legitimate veterinary practice; or (iv) possess or administer xylazine pursuant to a valid prescription*
18 *from a licensed veterinarian.*

19 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**
20 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the**
21 **necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult**
22 **correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023, Special Session I,**
23 **requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of**
24 **\$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary**
25 **appropriation cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department**
26 **of Juvenile Justice.**

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