1   HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

2   AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

3   (Proposed by the Senate Committee on _____

4   on _____)

5   (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Bell)

6   A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.2-6511.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to dealers; sale of dogs or

7   cats for experimental purposes.

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

9   **1. That § 3.2-6511.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

10   **§ 3.2-6511.2. Dealers; importation and sale of dogs and cats; penalty.**

11   A. No dealer or commercial dog or cat breeder shall import for sale, sell, or offer for sale, including

12   sale for experimental purposes, any dog or cat bred by a person who has received from the U.S.

13   Department of Agriculture, pursuant to enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131

14   et seq.) or regulations adopted thereunder, (i) a citation for a direct or critical violation or citations for

15   three or more indirect or noncritical violations for at least two years prior to the procurement of the dog

16   or cat or (ii) two consecutive citations for no access to the facility prior to the procurement of the dog or

17   cat.

18   B. No person shall serve as an owner, director, officer, manager, operator, member of staff, or

19   animal caregiver for a dealer or commercial dog or cat breeder if such person has been convicted of a

20   violation of § 3.2-6570.

21   C. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for each

22   dog or cat imported, sold, or offered for sale.

23   D. As used in this section, "dealer" and "commercial dog or cat breeder" include any person or

24   entity that breeds dogs or cats regulated under federal law as research animals.

25   **2. That in the case of a dealer or commercial dog or cat breeder that breeds dogs or cats regulated**

26   **under federal law as research animals, the provisions of subsection A of § 3.2-6511.2 of the Code of**

27   Virginia, as amended by this act, shall only apply to violations under clauses (i) or (ii) that occur on

28   or after March 1, 2023.

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