

HOUSE BILL NO. 2042

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Shin)

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 testing facility" means any facility, including a private entity, state agency, or institution of higher education, that confines and uses animals for research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical purposes. "Animal testing facility" does not include a privately-owned veterinary clinic, an agricultural 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 year to the Department in a form prescribed by the Department. The annual report shall include the following information:

1. 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;

4. A plan outlining how such facility or manufacturer will reduce the use of animals in such uses listed in subdivision 1 that includes an estimate of the percentage reduction of such use over the 0 years.

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