

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, 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:

26 1. The total number of animals used for research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific, or
27 biomedical purposes with such animals identified and grouped according to species;

28 2. A detailed methodology for obtaining such a count of animals; and

29 3. The percentage of funds expended by such facility or manufacturer on such activities listed in
30 subdivision 1 that involved the use of animals compared with the percentage of funds spent on such
31 activities that did not involve the use of animals.

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