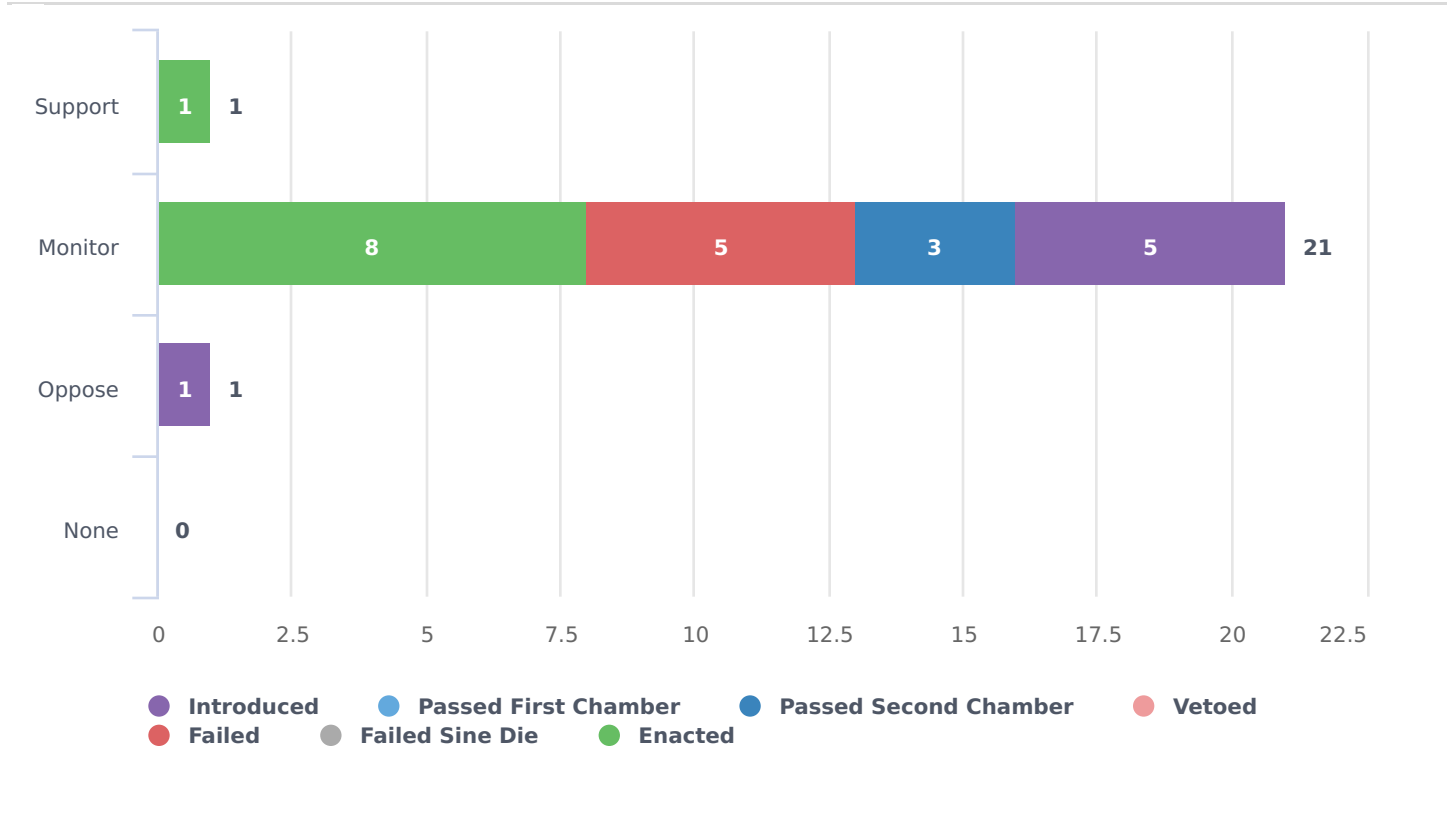


# Virginia - 2024 Legislative Overview

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Bills by Last Status and Position



Bill State: VA (23)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 9	House Continued To 2025 In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources By Voice Vote 2024 02 07	In House	Monitor

**Title**  
Animal control officers; additional training.

**Description**  
Animal control officers; additional training. Increases the number of hours of required additional training in animal control and protection from 15 to 24 every three years for all animal control officers and deputy animal control officers employed by a locality.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Dec 5, 2023, 3:56 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 7 (Animal Control Officers and Humane Investigators), Section 3.2-6556 (Training of animal control officers) of the Code of Virginia to increase the number of hours of required additional training in animal control and protection for all animal control officers and deputy animal control officers employed by a locality. Provides that every animal control officer shall require that every animal control officer and deputy animal control officer completes the following training: Every 3 years, additional training approved by the State Veterinarian, 24 hours of which (currently 15 hours) shall be training in animal control and protection.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 62	Governor Approved By Governor Chapter 712 Effective 7 1 24 2024 04 08	Enacted	Monitor

**Title**  
Local animal cruelty registries; any locality may establish, etc., a computerized registry.

**Description**  
Local animal cruelty registries. Allows any locality to establish an animal cruelty registry for public access on the website of such locality or its local police department. The bill provides that such registry may include the names and relevant information of persons convicted of certain felony offenses for animal cruelty and that a person on such registry may request removal of his name after 15 years, provided that he has no additional felony convictions of an animal cruelty offense. The bill directs that all costs relating to a locality's animal cruelty registry shall be borne by such locality. This bill is identical to SB 93.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Apr 10, 2024, 12:00 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care, and Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 9 (Cruelty to Animals) of the Code of Virginia by adding a new Section 6573.1 relating to local animal cruelty registries. Provides that any locality may establish, organize, and maintain a computerized animal cruelty registry as a database of information regarding persons convicted of certain animal cruelty felony violations. Provides that access to such registry may be made available to the public on the website of the locality or local police department. Provides that a locality that has established a registry may adopt ordinances and develop forms to implement the provisions of this section. Provides that all costs to establish, organize, and maintain a locality's animal cruelty registry pursuant to this section shall be borne by such locality.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 137	House Stricken From Docket By Health And Human Services 22 Y 0 N 2024 01 16	In House	Monitor

**Title**  
Emergency medical services for police dogs.

**Description**  
Emergency medical services regulations; police dogs. Requires the State Board of Health to promulgate regulations, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, to provide emergency treatment to police dogs injured in the line of duty and for the transportation of such police dogs by emergency medical services vehicles to veterinary care facilities equipped to provide emergency treatment to such dogs.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 3, 2024, 3:13 PM  
Amends Title 32.1 (Health), Chapter 4 (Health Care Planning), Article 2.1 (Statewide Emergency Medical Services System and Services), Section 111.4 (Regulations; emergency medical services personnel and vehicles; response times; enforcement provisions; civil penalties) of the Code of Virginia relating to emergency medical services regulations for police dogs. Requires the State Board of Health to promulgate regulations, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, to provide emergency treatment to police dogs injured in the line of duty and for the transportation of such police dogs by emergency medical services vehicle to a veterinary care facility equipped to provide emergency treatment to such dog.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 206	House Continued To 2025 In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources By Voice Vote 2024 01 31	In House	Monitor

**Title**  
Pet shops; notice of deceased animals.

**Description**  
Pet shops; notice of deceased animals; report. Requires pet shops to annually submit a summary of records indicating any time a dog or cat in their possession dies or is euthanized to the State Veterinarian in a format prescribed by him.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 4, 2024, 4:00 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 3 (Transportation & Sale of Animals), Section 6511 (Failure of dealer or pet shop to provide adequate care; penalty; report) of the Code of Virginia in relation to mandatory recordkeeping and reporting by pet shops of dog and cats deaths. Requires pet shops to annually submit a summary of records indicating any time a dog or cat in their possession dies or is euthanized to the State Veterinarian in a format prescribed by him.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 221	House Left In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources 2024 02 13	Failed	Monitor

**Title**  
Free-Roaming Cat Management Plan; regulations.

**Description**  
Free-Roaming Cat Management Plan; regulations. Directs the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to promulgate regulations establishing minimum requirements for a Free-Roaming Cat Management Plan and establish a model plan for localities to reduce and control the population of free-roaming cats and the abandonment of cats for the purpose of reducing the negative impacts of free-roaming cats on public health, wildlife, and the cat population. The bill permits a locality to adopt such plan created by the Board and include in such plan any ordinances related to cats that are currently in effect. The bill directs the Board, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to promulgate such regulations no later than July 31, 2025.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 4, 2024, 4:27 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 6 (Authority of Local Governing Bodies) of the Code of Virginia by creating a new Section 3.2-6545.1 (Free-Roaming Cat Management Plan; regulations) to direct the Board of Agriculture & Consumer Services to promulgate regulations establishing minimum requirements for a Free-Roaming Cat Management Plan. Provides that the Board of Agriculture & Consumer Services establish a model plan for localities to reduce and control the population of free-roaming cats and the abandonment of cats for the purpose of reducing the negative impacts of free-roaming cats on public health, wildlife, and the cat population. Permits a locality to adopt such plan created by the Board and include in such plan any ordinances related to cats that are currently in effect. Directs the Board, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to promulgate such regulations no later than July 31, 2025.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 223	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0179 2024 03 28	Enacted	Monitor

**Title**  
Cruelty to animals; possession and ownership of animals.

**Description**  
Cruelty to animals; possession and ownership of animals. Provides that any person convicted of felony cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of companion or equine animals for life and any person convicted of misdemeanor cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of such animals for a period of up to five years. Under current law, such prohibition is limited to companion animals and a period equal to the statutory maximum period of incarceration. The bill also specifies that a court may order that any animal possessed or owned by such person may be disposed of by a local governing body or delivered to another person with a right of property in the animal.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 30, 2024, 12:24 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Subtitle V (Domestic Animals), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 9 (Cruelty to Animals), Section 3.2-6570 (Cruelty to animals; penalty) of the Code of Virginia to further restrict animal possession and ownership for those convicted of felony cruelty to animals. Provides that any person convicted of felony cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of animals for life and that any person convicted of misdemeanor cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of animals for a period of up to five years. Under current law, such prohibition is limited to companion animals and a period equal to the statutory maximum period of incarceration. Provides that any person who has his rights to possession or ownership of companion or equine animals prohibited pursuant to a felony conviction in accordance with subsection G may petition the court where such conviction occurred for a restoration of his rights after five years from the date of conviction.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 299	<b>Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0187 2024 03 28</b>	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>Support</b>

**Title**  
License tax; retired police or military dogs, exemption.

**Description**  
License tax; retired police or military dogs; exemption. Allows a locality by ordinance to exempt any dog that served as a police or law-enforcement dog or military working dog from the license tax on the ownership of dogs. Such ordinance must include a verification process for the vaccination records of such a dog.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 30, 2024, 12:33 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 5 (Rabies Control and Licensing of Dogs and Cats), Section 6528 (Amount of license tax) of the Code of Virginia to exempt certain dogs from a local dog ownership license tax. Allows a locality by ordinance to exempt any dog that served as a police or law-enforcement dog, or military working dog from the license tax on the ownership of dogs. Provides that such ordinance shall include a verification process for vaccination records of such dog.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 330	<b>Governor Approved By Governor Chapter 382 Effective 7 1 24 2024 04 04</b>	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>Monitor</b>

**Title**  
Dog or cat; financing.

**Description**  
Financing of a dog or cat. Prohibits the financing of a dog or cat unless such financing complies with the provisions of state and federal law related to consumer credit.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Apr 8, 2024, 9:42 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 3 (Transportation and Sale of Animals), Section 3.2-6513.2 (Rental or lease of dog or cat prohibited; requirements for financing a dog or cat; civil penalty) of the Code of Virginia to clarify certain requirements for pet shops offering consumer credit. Adds provision that the financing of a dog or cat is prohibited unless such financing complies with the provisions of § 6.2-436 and any other applicable state or federal law related to consumer credit.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 579	<b>House Left In General Laws 2024 02 13</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Monitor</b>

**Title**  
VA Freedom of Information Act; records of federal animal welfare violations, limitation on fees.

**Description**  
Virginia Freedom of Information Act; records of federal animal welfare violations; limitation on fees. Prohibits any public body in custody of records that pertain to or were generated as a result of a violation of federal animal welfare regulations, policies, or guidelines from charging more than \$25 for the production of such records regarding any one incident or one animal testing facility.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 11, 2024, 4:00 PM  
Amends Title 2.2 (Administration of Government), Subtitle II (Administration of State Government), Part B. (Transaction of Public Business), Chapter 37 (Virginia Freedom of Information Act), Section 3704 (Public records to be open to inspection; procedure for requesting records and responding to request; charges; transfer of records for storage, etc.) of the Code of Virginia regarding limitation of fees for records of animal testing facility federal animal welfare violations. Adds provision prohibiting any public body in custody of records that pertain to or were generated as a result of a violation of federal animal welfare regulations, policies, or guidelines from charging more than \$25 for the production of such records regarding any one incident or one animal testing facility.

State <b>VA</b>	Bill Number <b>HB 580</b>	Last Action <b>Governor Approved By Governor Chapter 693 Effective 7 1 24 2024 04 08</b>	Status <b>Enacted</b>	Position <b>Monitor</b>
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**Title**

Animal testing facilities; DACR shall convene task force to identify potential deficiencies.

**Description**

Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities; report. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities, consisting of legislators and stakeholders, for the purpose of identifying potential deficiencies in publicly funded animal testing facilities in the Commonwealth and recommending methods and context for making certain information about such animal testing facilities publicly available. The bill requires the Task Force to report its findings to certain committees of the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2024. This bill is identical to SB 411.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 11, 2024, 4:14 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 13 (Animal Research), Section 6593.2 (Animal testing facilities; public notification) of the Code of Virginia relating to disclosure requirements for animal testing facilities. Requires any animal testing facility, contract testing facility, or manufacturer, as defined in relevant law, that uses an animal test method to make publicly available, on or before December 1 for the preceding federal fiscal year, the total number of animals used for research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical purposes. Requires the report to identify and group such animals according to species: (i) by displaying a link to access such information on the homepage or landing page of the animal testing facility's, contract facility's, or manufacturer's website; or (ii) if such animal testing facility does not have a website, by making such information available by means of a press release or other similar publication.

State <b>VA</b>	Bill Number <b>HB 848</b>	Last Action <b>Governor Approved By Governor Chapter 307 Effective 7 1 24 2024 04 02</b>	Status <b>Enacted</b>	Position <b>Monitor</b>
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**Title**

Veterinary medicine; traineeships.

**Description**

Veterinary medicine; traineeships. Allows any veterinary medicine licensure applicant enrolled in a traineeship program to engage in the limited practice of veterinary medicine, as that term is defined by the Board of Veterinary Medicine, under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 11, 2024, 4:24 PM  
Amends Title 54.1 (Professions & Occupations), Subtitle III (Professions and Occupations Regulated by Boards within the Department of Health Professions), Chapter 38 (Veterinary Medicine) of the Code of Virginia by adding a new Section 3805 to provide for limited practice of veterinary medicine by applicants engaged in a traineeship program. Allows any veterinary medicine licensure applicant enrolled in a traineeship program to engage in the limited practice of veterinary medicine, as that term is defined by the Board of Veterinary Medicine, under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 889	House Continued To 2025 In Finance By Voice Vote 2024 02 07	In House	Monitor

**Title**

Retail Sales and Use tax; levies tax on following services: admissions, charges for recreation, etc.

**Description**

Sales and use tax on services. Levies the retail sales and use tax on the following services: admissions; charges for recreation, fitness, or sports facilities; nonmedical personal services or counseling; dry cleaning and laundry services; companion animal care; residential home repair or maintenance, landscaping, or cleaning services when paid for directly by a resident or homeowner; vehicle and engine repair; repairs or alterations to tangible personal property; storage of tangible personal property; delivery or shipping services; travel, event, and aesthetic planning services; and communications services that are not subject to the communications sales and use tax and are not digital personal property.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 11, 2024, 4:35 PM

Amends Title 58.1 (Taxation), Subtitle I (Taxes Administered by the Department of Taxation), Chapter 6 (Retail Sales & Use Tax), Section 602 of the Code of Virginia adding a definition for and impose sales tax on "taxable services" (would include "companion animal care"). Levies the retail sales and use tax on the following services: admissions; charges for recreation, fitness, or sports facilities; nonmedical personal services or counseling; dry cleaning and laundry services; COMPANION ANIMAL CARE; residential home repair or maintenance, landscaping, or cleaning services when paid for directly by a resident or homeowner; vehicle and engine repair; repairs or alterations to tangible personal property; storage of tangible personal property; delivery or shipping services; travel, event, and aesthetic planning services; and communications services that are not subject to the communications sales and use tax and are not digital personal property. For purposes of this section: "Companion animal care" includes grooming, boarding, walking, training, and feeding. "Companion animal care" shall not include veterinary medical procedures or separately billed services that must be performed by or under the direction of a person licensed or certified by the Board of Veterinary Medicine pursuant to Chapter (§ 54.1-3800 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 1274	House Left In Rules 2024 02 13	Failed	Monitor

**Title**

Domestic shorthair; designated as the official cat of the Commonwealth.

**Description**

Official emblems and designations; cat; domestic shorthair. Designates the domestic shorthair as the official cat of the Commonwealth.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 16, 2024, 2:33 PM

Amends Title 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 5 (Emblems), Article 1 (Symbols of Sovereignty), Section 1-510 (Official Emblems & Designations) of the Code of Virginia by adding a new subsection to designate the domestic shorthair cat as an official State emblem. Designates the domestic shorthair as the official cat of the Commonwealth.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 1306	House Vote Defeated 2 48 Y 50 N 2024 02 13	Failed	Monitor

**Title**

Veterinary Medicine, Board of; powers and duties, satellite offices.

**Description**

Board of Veterinary Medicine; powers and duties; satellite offices. Permits the Board of Veterinary Medicine to regulate, inspect, and register all satellite offices where veterinary medicine is practiced. The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 11, 2024, 3:51 PM

Amends Title 54.1 (Professions & Occupations), Subtitle III (Professions and Occupations Regulated by Boards within the Department of Health Professions), Chapter 38 (Veterinary Medicine), Section 3804 (Specific Powers of the Board) of the Code of Virginia to add certain powers and duties to the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Adds provision to permit the Board of Veterinary Medicine to regulate, inspect, and register all "satellite offices" where veterinary medicine is practiced. (current statute = "establishments and premises" where veterinary medicine is practiced.)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 1354	Governor Governors Action Deadline 11 59 P M April 8 2024 2024 03 27	Passed Senate	Monitor

**Title**

Cats; prohibition on declawing.

**Description**

Declawing cats; prohibition. Makes unlawful the practice of declawing cats for any person engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine except as necessary for a therapeutic purpose, as defined in the bill.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 16, 2024, 2:27 PM

Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 12 (Miscellaneous Provisions) of the Code of Virginia by adding a new Section 3.2-6586.1 (Declawing cats; civil penalty) to prohibit the declawing of cats. Makes unlawful the practice of declawing cats, except as necessary for a therapeutic purpose. Creates a civil penalty of \$500 for the first violation, \$1,000 for the second violation, and \$2,500 for the third or any subsequent violation. Entitles any animal control officer, humane investigator, or state or local law-enforcement officer to bring a civil action for a violation of this section. For purposes of this section: "Therapeutic purpose" means any action intended to address an existing or recurring infection, disease, injury, or abnormal condition in an animal's claw, nail bed, or toe bone that jeopardizes the animal's health and for which addressing the infection, disease, injury, or abnormal condition is a medical necessity. "Therapeutic purpose" does not include any action performed for cosmetic or aesthetic reasons or reasons of convenience in the keeping or handling of a cat.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	HB 1387	House Continued To 2025 In Health And Human Services By Voice Vote 2024 02 01	In House	Monitor

**Title**

Veterinary medicine; exceptions for care of animals injured in the line of duty.

**Description**

Department of Health Professions; veterinary medicine; exceptions for care of animals injured in line of duty. Provides an exception to the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine for any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel who provides emergency treatment to any animal in his care that is injured in the line of duty.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 17, 2024, 3:12 PM

Amends Title 54.1 (Professions & Occupations), Chapter 38 (Veterinary Medicine), Section 54.1-3801 (Exceptions) of the Code of Virginia to provide an exception to the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine for any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel who provides emergency treatment to any animal in his care that is injured in the line of duty. Clarifies that the provisions of Chapter 38 (Veterinary Medicine) do not apply to any law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, or firefighter or emergency medical services personnel, as those terms are defined in § 9.1-300, who provides emergency treatment to any animal in his care that is injured in the line of duty.

State <b>VA</b>	Bill Number <b>SB 11</b>	Last Action <b>Governor Approved By Governor Chapter 489 Effective 7 1 24 2024 04 04</b>	Status <b>Enacted</b>	Position <b>Monitor</b>
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**Title**  
Cruelty to animals; possession and ownership of animals.

**Description**  
Cruelty to animals; possession and ownership of animals. Provides that any person convicted of felony cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of companion or equine animals for life and any person convicted of misdemeanor cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of such animals for a period of up to five years. Under current law, such prohibition is limited to companion animals and a period equal to the statutory maximum period of incarceration. The bill also specifies that a court may order that any animal possessed or owned by such person may be disposed of by a local governing body or delivered to another person with a right of property in the animal.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Nov 28, 2023, 2:57 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Subtitle V (Domestic Animals), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 9 (Cruelty to Animals), Section 3.2-6570 (Cruelty to animals; penalty) to provide an additional penalty for felony and misdemeanor convictions of animal cruelty. Provides that any person convicted of a felony animal cruelty violation may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of companion animals for life. Provides that any person convicted of a misdemeanor animal cruelty violation may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of animals for a period of up to five years. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be punished for contempt of court and the court shall order that any animal possessed or owned by such person may be: 1) Sold by a local governing body, if not a companion animal; 2) Disposed of by a local governing body pursuant to subsection D of § 3.2-6546, whether such animal is a companion animal or an agricultural animal; or 3) Delivered to another person with a right of property in the animal.

State <b>VA</b>	Bill Number <b>SB 31</b>	Last Action <b>Senate Continued To 2025 In Finance And Appropriations 10 Y 5 N 2024 01 30</b>	Status <b>In Senate</b>	Position <b>Oppose</b>
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**Title**  
Companion Animal Surgical Sterilization Program and Fund; established and created.

**Description**  
Companion Animal Surgical Sterilization Program and Fund established. Establishes the Companion Animal Surgical Sterilization Program and Fund to reimburse participating veterinarians for the surgical sterilizations they perform on eligible cats or dogs. The bill provides that a surcharge of \$50 per ton of pet food distributed in the Commonwealth be deposited in the Fund and such pet food be exempted from the existing litter tax. An animal will be eligible for sterilization under the Program if it is a feral or free-roaming cat or is owned by a low-income individual or a releasing agency such as an animal shelter.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Dec 16, 2023, 3:13 PM  
Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care and Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care) of the Code of Virginia by adding Section 6504.2 to create the "Companion Animal Surgical Sterilization Fund;" and Title 58.1 (Taxation), Chapter 17 (Miscellaneous Taxes) of the Code of Virginia by adding Section 1707.1, imposing a surcharge of \$50.00 for each ton of pet food distributed, to be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Companion Animal Surgical Sterilization Fund. Establishes a fund to reimburse participating veterinarians for the surgical sterilizations they perform on eligible cats or dogs. Levies and imposes upon every person in the Commonwealth engaged in business as a manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor of pet food products an annual Companion Animal Surgical Sterilization Fund surcharge of \$50.00 for each ton of pet food distributed, to be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Companion Animal Surgical Sterilization Fund as specified in Section 3.2-6504.2. Amends Section 1707 to repeal the annual litter tax levied on each person engaged in business as a manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor or retailer of food for pet consumption (\$30 for each establishment from which such business is conducted).



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	SB 93	<b>Governor Governors Action Deadline 11 59 P M April 8 2024 2024 03 11</b>	<b>Passed House</b>	<b>Monitor</b>

**Title**

Animal cruelty registries, local; any locality allowed to establish registry for public access.

**Description**

Local animal cruelty registries. Allows any locality to establish an animal cruelty registry for public access on the website of such locality or its local police department. The bill provides that such registry may include the names and relevant information of persons convicted of certain felony offenses for animal cruelty and that a person on such registry may request removal of his name after 15 years, provided that he has no additional felony convictions of an animal cruelty offense. The bill directs that all costs relating to a locality's animal cruelty registry shall be borne by such locality. This bill is identical to HB 62.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 4, 2024, 4:38 PM

Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 9 (Cruelty to Animals) of the Code of Virginia by adding a new Section 6573.1 (Local Animal Cruelty Registries) to allow any locality to establish an animal cruelty registry for public access on the website of such locality or its local police department. Provides that an animal cruelty registry may include the names and relevant information of persons convicted of certain felony offenses for animal cruelty and that a person on such registry may request removal of his name after 15 years, provided that he has no additional felony convictions of an animal cruelty offense. Directs that all costs relating to a locality's animal cruelty registry shall be borne by such locality.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	SB 266	<b>Senate Failed To Report Defeated In Agriculture Conservation And Natural Resources 6 Y 9 N 2024 01 23</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Monitor</b>

**Title**

Animal control officers; additional training.

**Description**

Animal control officers; additional training. Increases the number of hours of required additional training in animal control and protection from 15 to 24 every three years for all animal control officers and deputy animal control officers employed by a locality.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 16, 2024, 2:21 PM

Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 7 (Animal Control Officers and Humane Investigators), Section 3.2-6556 (Training of Animal Control Officers) of the Code of Virginia to provide for additional training for animal control officers. Increases the number of hours of required additional training in animal control and protection from 15 to 24 every 3 years for all animal control officers and deputy animal control officers employed by a locality.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	SB 411	<b>Governor Approved By Governor Chapter 675 Effective 7 1 24 2024 04 08</b>	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>Monitor</b>

**Title**

Animal testing facilities; DACR shall convene task force to identify potential deficiencies.

**Description**

Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities; report. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities, consisting of legislators and stakeholders, for the purpose of identifying potential deficiencies in publicly funded animal testing facilities in the Commonwealth and recommending methods and context for making certain information about such animal testing facilities publicly available. The bill requires the Task Force to report its findings to certain committees of the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2024. This bill is identical to HB 580.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 16, 2024, 2:15 PM

Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care & Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 13 (Animal Research), Section 3.2-6593.2 (Animal testing facilities; public notification) of the Code of Virginia in relation to animal testing facilities and public notification requirements. Requires any animal testing facility, contract testing facility, or manufacturer that uses an animal test method to annually make publicly available certain information relating to animal testing by displaying a link to access such information on the home page or landing page of any such facility's or manufacturer's website. Provides that when documents generated from internal reviews pertain to violations of federal animal welfare regulations and guidelines and are the subject of a request for information pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, an animal testing facility shall not charge more than \$25 to produce such documents.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	SB 412	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0241 2024 03 28	Enacted	Monitor

<p><b>Title</b> Rabies clinics; animal vaccination and microchip services.</p> <p><b>Description</b> Rabies clinics; animal vaccination and microchip services. Allows rabies clinics approved by local health departments and governing bodies to offer microchipping and additional animal health vaccines at the discretion of the licensed veterinarian or veterinarians participating in the clinic. The bill requires any licensed veterinarian who administers animal health vaccinations at the clinic to provide the owner or custodian of an animal a vaccination record for each vaccinated animal and ensure that a licensed veterinary establishment retains a copy of each vaccination record. The bill allows licensed veterinary technicians to administer animal health vaccines at a rabies clinic under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian on the premises unless otherwise provided by regulations. The bill requires local health departments to submit a report to the Department of Health no later than December 31 of each year that includes (i) the number and location of rabies clinics approved and (ii) the number and type of vaccinations administered, the number of microchips administered, and the number of veterinarians and veterinary technicians in attendance at each clinic to determine the type of service utilized.</p>	<p><b>Bill Summary:</b> Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 30, 2024, 12:40 PM Amends Title 3.2 (Agriculture, Animal Care &amp; Food), Chapter 65 (Comprehensive Animal Care), Article 5 (Rabies Control and Licensing of Dogs and Cats), Section 3.2-6521 (Rabies inoculation of companion animals; availability of certificate; rabies clinics) of the Code of Virginia in relation to off-premises animal vaccination and microchip services. Provides that: (1) Rabies clinics approved by the appropriate local health department and governing body may offer microchipping and additional animal health vaccines at the discretion of the licensed veterinarian or veterinarians participating in the clinic. Any licensed veterinarian who administers animal health vaccinations at the clinic shall (a) provide the owner or custodian of an animal a vaccination record for each vaccinated animal and (b) ensure that a licensed veterinary establishment retains a copy of each vaccination record. Licensed veterinary technicians may administer animal health vaccines at a rabies clinic under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian on the premises unless otherwise provided by regulations; and (2) Local health departments shall submit a report to the Department of Health no later than December 31 of each year that includes (a) the number and location of rabies clinics approved pursuant to subsections B and C and (b) the number and type of vaccinations administered, the number of microchips administered, and the number of veterinarians and veterinary technicians in attendance at each clinic to determine the type of service utilized.</p>
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State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position
VA	SB 663	Governor Governors Action Deadline 11 59 P M April 8 2024 2024 03 11	Passed House	Monitor

<p><b>Title</b> Veterinary Medicine, Board of; powers and duties, satellite offices.</p> <p><b>Description</b> Board of Veterinary Medicine; powers and duties; veterinary satellite offices. Requires the Board of Veterinary Medicine to regulate, inspect, and register all satellite offices where veterinary medicine is practiced. The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations within 280 days to implement the provisions of the bill.</p>	<p><b>Bill Summary:</b> Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 18, 2024, 3:00 PM Amends Title 54.1 (Professions &amp; Occupations), Chapter 38 (Veterinary Medicine), Section 54.1-3804 (Veterinary Medicine) of the Code of Virginia to include "satellite offices" where veterinary medicine is practiced in the regulatory provisions of this section. Requires the Board of Veterinary Medicine to regulate, inspect, and register all satellite offices where veterinary medicine is practiced. Directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations within 280 days to implement the provisions of the bill.</p>
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