

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2026 SESSION

CHAPTER 768

An Act to direct the Board of Veterinary Medicine to amend its licensure application for veterinarians to include an option for veterinarians to indicate interest in serving as a veterinarian for animal shelters and to maintain a list of veterinarians who indicate such interest.

[H 1287]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Board of Veterinary Medicine (the Board) shall amend its applications for licensure and renewal of licensure as a veterinarian to include a method for applicants to indicate that they are interested in serving as a veterinarian for a private animal shelter or public animal shelter, as those terms are defined in § 3.2-6500 of the Code of Virginia. Such method shall include disclosure that, if an applicant indicates that they are interested in serving as a veterinarian for an animal shelter, the Board shall provide their name and contact information to the State Veterinarian on a quarterly basis for distribution to shelters. The Board shall quarterly provide a list of the names and contact information of veterinarians who have indicated interest in serving as a veterinarian for an animal shelter to the State Veterinarian for distribution to animal shelters. Such list shall include only veterinarians who maintain an active license.*