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Mary Tully
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Dear Ms. Tully:

I am in receipt of your email inquiring about Senate Bill 1381. Thank you for your sincere interest in the welfare of animals in Virginia.

It is premature to speculate on the impact that the passage of Senate Bill 1381 may have on private shelters in Virginia. The General Assembly passes the law but will likely require the promulgation of regulations. That can take two years or more to complete when following the normal administrative process for regulation development.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of this Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Bissett'.

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