

HB0626/730116/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 626

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Shelters -” insert “Standards of Care and”; strike beginning with “a” in line 3 down through the second “and” in line 4; in line 5, after “Agriculture” insert “, on or before a certain date, to adopt certain minimum standards of care for dogs and cats in animal shelters; requiring an animal shelter to follow certain minimum standards of care; requiring the Department”; after line 6, insert:

“BY renumbering

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-1705

to be Section 2-1707

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume)”;

in line 14, strike “2-1703 and”; and in line 19, after “Section” insert “2-1705 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 23, after “That” insert “Section(s) 2-1705 of Article - Agriculture of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 2-1707.”

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 2 through line 12 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, after line 28, insert:

(Over)

“2-1705.

(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR DOGS AND CATS IN ANIMAL SHELTERS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH:

(1) THE MOST RECENT ASSOCIATION OF SHELTER VETERINARIANS’ GUIDELINES FOR STANDARDS OF CARE IN ANIMAL SHELTERS; AND

(2) THE MOST RECENT GUIDELINES FOR STANDARDS OF CARE IN ANIMAL SHELTERS PREPARED BY THE PROFESSIONAL ANIMAL WORKERS OF MARYLAND.

(B) AN ANIMAL SHELTER SHALL FOLLOW THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.