

Chapter 414

**(House Bill 334)**

AN ACT concerning

**Local Government – Regulation of Animals – Kennel Licenses**

FOR the purpose of altering the conditions under which a person is required to obtain a kennel license from a local licensing agency; and generally relating to kennel licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Local Government  
Section 13–108(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Local Government  
Section 13–108(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Local Government**

13–108.

(a) This section applies to all counties, including Baltimore City.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, a person shall obtain a kennel license from the local licensing agency if the person:

(1) owns or has custody of ~~[15]~~ **6** or more unspayed female dogs over the age of 6 months kept for the purpose of breeding the dogs and selling their offspring; ~~[and]~~  
**OR**

(2) sells dogs from six or more litters in a year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.**