

HOUSE BILL 239

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By: **Delegate Jackson**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Maryland Animal Abuse Registry**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
4 to establish the Maryland Animal Abuse Registry; requiring the Registry to be
5 updated in a certain manner and to include certain information; requiring a certain
6 person convicted of certain crimes involving animals to register with a certain county
7 sheriff; exempting a person from registration under certain circumstances; requiring
8 a court to order a defendant convicted of an animal abuse crime to participate in and
9 pay for certain counseling; requiring a person who is required to register under this
10 Act to register within a certain period of time; requiring a registrant to provide
11 certain information for registration; requiring the county sheriff to obtain a certain
12 digital image from a person registering under this Act; requiring a registrant to
13 update certain information in a certain manner; establishing that a certain
14 registration shall stay in effect for a certain period of time; requiring the county
15 sheriff to forward certain registration information to the Department; requiring a
16 registrant to pay an annual registration fee; requiring a county sheriff to remit
17 certain fees in a certain manner; establishing the Animal Abuse Registry Fund;
18 providing for the distribution of money in the Fund; requiring certain Registry
19 information to be made available in a certain manner; prohibiting a person who is
20 subject to registration under this Act from knowingly failing to register or provide
21 accurate information when registering; altering provisions of law that authorize a
22 court to order a defendant convicted of certain offenses to participate in and pay for
23 psychological counseling and prohibit a defendant from owning, possessing, or
24 residing with an animal for a certain period of time; prohibiting a person who is
25 subject to registration under this Act from possessing or coming into contact with a
26 certain animal; establishing a penalty for a violation of this Act; defining certain
27 terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the establishment of
28 an animal abuse registry.

29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
30 Article – Criminal Law

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 10–604, 10–605, 10–607, 10–607.1, and 10–608
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
5 Article – Criminal Law
6 Section 10–606
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
9 (As enacted by Chapter 238 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018)

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Criminal Law
12 Section 10–627
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Criminal Procedure
17 Section 11–1201 through 11–1209 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 12.
18 Maryland Animal Abuse Registry”
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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

23 **Article – Criminal Law**

24 10–604.

25 (a) A person may not:

26 (1) overdrive or overload an animal;

27 (2) deprive an animal of necessary sustenance;

28 (3) inflict unnecessary suffering or pain on an animal;

29 (4) cause, procure, or authorize an act prohibited under item (1), (2), or (3)
30 of this subsection; or

31 (5) if the person has charge or custody of an animal, as owner or otherwise,
32 unnecessarily fail to provide the animal with:

33 (i) nutritious food in sufficient quantity;

- 1 (ii) necessary veterinary care;
- 2 (iii) proper drink;
- 3 (iv) proper air;
- 4 (v) proper space;
- 5 (vi) proper shelter; or
- 6 (vii) proper protection from the weather.

7 (b) [(1)] A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
8 conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000
9 or both.

10 [(2)] As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant convicted
11 of violating this section to participate in and pay for psychological counseling.

12 (3) As a condition of probation, the court may prohibit a defendant from
13 owning, possessing, or residing with an animal.]

14 10-605.

15 (a) A person may not knowingly attend a deliberately conducted dogfight as a
16 spectator.

17 (b) A person may not knowingly attend as a spectator a deliberately conducted
18 event that uses a fowl, cock, or other bird to fight with another fowl, cock, or other bird.

19 (c) [(1)] A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
20 conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$2,500
21 or both.

22 [(2)] As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant convicted
23 of violating this section to participate in and pay for psychological counseling.]

24 10-606.

25 (a) A person may not:

26 (1) intentionally:

27 (i) mutilate;

28 (ii) torture;

1 (iii) cruelly beat; or

2 (iv) cruelly kill an animal;

3 (2) cause, procure, or authorize an act prohibited under item (1) of this
4 subsection; or

5 (3) except in the case of self-defense, intentionally inflict bodily harm,
6 permanent disability, or death on an animal owned or used by a law enforcement unit.

7 (b) [(1)] A person who violates this section is guilty of the felony of aggravated
8 cruelty to animals and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a
9 fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

10 [(2) As a condition of sentencing, the court may:

11 (i) order a defendant convicted of violating this section to
12 participate in and pay for psychological counseling; and

13 (ii) prohibit a defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with
14 an animal for a specified period of time.]

15 10-607.

16 (a) In this section, "baiting" means using a dog to train a fighting dog or to test
17 the fighting or killing instinct of another dog.

18 (b) A person may not:

19 (1) use or allow a dog to be used in a dogfight or for baiting;

20 (2) arrange or conduct a dogfight;

21 (3) possess, own, sell, transport, or train a dog with the intent to use the
22 dog in a dogfight or for baiting; or

23 (4) knowingly allow premises under the person's ownership, charge, or
24 control to be used to conduct a dogfight or for baiting.

25 (c) [(1)] A person who violates this section is guilty of the felony of aggravated
26 cruelty to animals and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a
27 fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

28 [(2) As a condition of sentencing, the court may:

29 (i) order a defendant convicted of violating this section to

1 participate in and pay for psychological counseling; and

2 (ii) prohibit a defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with
3 an animal for a specified period of time.]

4 10-607.1.

5 (a) (1) In this section, “implement of dogfighting” means an implement, an
6 object, a device, or a drug intended or designed:

7 (i) to enhance the fighting ability of a dog; or

8 (ii) for use in a deliberately conducted event that uses a dog to fight
9 with another dog.

10 (2) “Implement of dogfighting” includes:

11 (i) a breaking stick designed for insertion behind the molars of a dog
12 to break the dog’s grip on another animal or object;

13 (ii) a cat mill that rotates around a central support with one arm
14 designed to secure a dog and one arm designed to secure a cat, rabbit, or other small animal
15 beyond the grasp of the dog;

16 (iii) a springpole that has a biting surface attached to a stretchable
17 device, suspended at a height sufficient to prevent an animal from reaching the biting
18 surface while touching the ground;

19 (iv) a fighting pit or other confined area designed to contain a
20 dogfight;

21 (v) a breeding stand or rape stand used to immobilize female dogs
22 for breeding purposes; and

23 (vi) any other instrument or device that is commonly used in the
24 training for, in the preparation for, in the conditioning for, in the breeding for, in the
25 conducting of, or otherwise in furtherance of a dogfight.

26 (b) A person may not possess, with the intent to unlawfully use, an implement of
27 dogfighting.

28 (c) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
29 conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$5,000
30 or both.

31 (2) [As a condition of sentencing, the court may:

1 (i) order a defendant convicted of violating this section to
2 participate in and pay for psychological counseling; and

3 (ii) prohibit a defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with
4 an animal for a specified period of time.

5 (3)] Each implement of dogfighting possessed in violation of this section is
6 a separate offense.

7 10–608.

8 (a) (1) In this section, “implement of cockfighting” means any implement or
9 device intended or designed:

10 (i) to enhance the fighting ability of a fowl, cock, or other bird; or

11 (ii) for use in a deliberately conducted event that uses a fowl, cock,
12 or other bird to fight with another fowl, cock, or other bird.

13 (2) “Implement of cockfighting” includes:

14 (i) a gaff;

15 (ii) a slasher;

16 (iii) a postiza;

17 (iv) a sparring muff; and

18 (v) any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place of
19 the natural spur of a gamecock or other fighting bird.

20 (b) A person may not:

21 (1) use or allow the use of a fowl, cock, or other bird to fight with another
22 animal;

23 (2) possess, with the intent to unlawfully use, an implement of
24 cockfighting;

25 (3) arrange or conduct a fight in which a fowl, cock, or other bird fights with
26 another fowl, cock, or other bird;

27 (4) possess, own, sell, transport, or train a fowl, cock, or other bird with the
28 intent to use the fowl, cock, or other bird in a cockfight; or

29 (5) knowingly allow premises under the person’s ownership, charge, or

1 control to be used to conduct a fight in which a fowl, cock, or other bird fights with another
2 fowl, cock, or other bird.

3 (c) [(1)] A person who violates this section is guilty of the felony of aggravated
4 cruelty to animals and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a
5 fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

6 [(2) As a condition of sentencing, the court may:

7 (i) order a defendant convicted of violating this section to
8 participate in and pay for psychological counseling; and

9 (ii) prohibit a defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with
10 an animal for a specified period of time.]

11 **10-627.**

12 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME” HAS THE MEANING STATED
13 IN § 11-1201 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.

14 (B) AS A CONDITION OF SENTENCING, A COURT SHALL ORDER A DEFENDANT
15 CONVICTED OF AN ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME TO PARTICIPATE IN AND PAY FOR
16 PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING.

17 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

18 **SUBTITLE 12. MARYLAND ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY.**

19 **11-1201.**

20 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21 INDICATED.

22 (B) “ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME” MEANS A MISDEMEANOR ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME
23 OR A FELONY ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME.

24 (C) “ANIMAL BREEDER” MEANS AN ENTITY ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF
25 FACILITATING THE REPRODUCTION OF ANIMALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING
26 THE RESULTING OFFSPRING TO ONE OR MORE OTHER INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES.

27 (D) “ANIMAL SHELTER” MEANS A PUBLIC ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY OR
28 ANY OTHER FACILITY THAT IS OPERATED BY AN ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL FOR
29 THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING ANIMALS FROM CRUELTY, NEGLECT, OR ABUSE.

(E) "FELONY ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME" MEANS:

(1) A VIOLATION OF § 3-321 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE INVOLVING AN ANIMAL, OR A VIOLATION OF § 10-606, § 10-607, § 10-608, OR § 10-620 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;

(2) AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT AN OFFENSE LISTED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR

(3) A CRIME COMMITTED IN A FEDERAL, STATE, OR FOREIGN JURISDICTION THAT, IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, WOULD CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE CRIMES LISTED IN ITEM (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(F) "FUND" MEANS THE ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(G) "HUMANE SOCIETY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10-601 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(H) "MISDEMEANOR ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME" MEANS:

(1) A VIOLATION OF § 3-322 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE INVOLVING AN ANIMAL, A VIOLATION OF § 10-604, § 10-605, § 10-607.1, § 10-610, § 10-611, § 10-612, § 10-613, § 10-614, § 10-618, § 10-619, OR §§ 10-621 THROUGH 10-625 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF § 10-617 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;

(2) AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT AN OFFENSE LISTED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR

(3) A CRIME COMMITTED IN A FEDERAL, STATE, OR FOREIGN JURISDICTION THAT, IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, WOULD CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE CRIMES LISTED IN ITEM (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(I) "PET STORE" MEANS A PLACE OR PREMISES WHERE BIRDS, MAMMALS, OR REPTILES ARE KEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

(1) SALE, AT EITHER WHOLESALE OR RETAIL;

(2) IMPORT;

(3) EXPORT;

1 (4) BARTER;

2 (5) EXCHANGE; OR

3 (6) GIFT.

4 (J) “REGISTRANT” MEANS A PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER §
5 11-1204 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6 (K) “REGISTRY” MEANS THE MARYLAND ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY,
7 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 11-1203 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

8 (L) “RELEASE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-701 OF THIS TITLE.

9 (M) “TIER I OFFENDER” MEANS A PERSON WHO IS NOT A TIER II OFFENDER
10 AND HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME.

11 (N) “TIER II OFFENDER” MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF
12 A FELONY ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME.

13 11-1202.

14 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON IS CONVICTED WHEN THE
15 PERSON:

16 (1) IS FOUND GUILTY OF A CRIME BY A JURY OR JUDICIAL OFFICER;
17 OR

18 (2) ENTERS A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE.

19 11-1203.

20 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A CENTRAL
21 COMPUTERIZED REGISTRY OF ALL PERSONS CONVICTED OF AN ANIMAL ABUSE
22 CRIME THAT ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 11-1204 OF THIS
23 SUBTITLE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARYLAND ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY.

24 (B) THE REGISTRY SHALL BE UPDATED BASED ON INFORMATION MADE
25 AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING INFORMATION ACQUIRED IN
26 ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGISTRATION PROVISIONS OF § 11-1204 OF THIS
27 SUBTITLE.

28 (C) FOR EACH REGISTRANT, THE REGISTRY SHALL INCLUDE:

- 1 **(1) THE REGISTRANT’S NAME;**
- 2 **(2) THE REGISTRANT’S DATE OF BIRTH;**
- 3 **(3) THE REGISTRANT’S RACE;**
- 4 **(4) THE REGISTRANT’S GENDER;**
- 5 **(5) THE REGISTRANT’S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS;**
- 6 **(6) THE DATE AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH**
7 **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED; AND**
- 8 **(7) A DIGITAL IMAGE OF THE REGISTRANT’S HEAD AND SHOULDERS**
9 **TAKEN IN FULL-FACE VIEW.**

10 **11-1204.**

11 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RESIDENT” MEANS A PERSON WHO LIVES IN THIS**
12 **STATE WHEN THE PERSON:**

- 13 **(1) IS RELEASED;**
- 14 **(2) IS GRANTED PROBATION;**
- 15 **(3) IS GRANTED A SUSPENDED SENTENCE; OR**
- 16 **(4) RECEIVES A SENTENCE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE A TERM OF**
17 **IMPRISONMENT.**

18 **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON**
19 **CONVICTED OF AN ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME SHALL REGISTER WITH THE COUNTY**
20 **SHERIFF FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PERSON RESIDES:**

21 **(1) IF THE PERSON IS A RESIDENT, WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER THE DATE**
22 **THAT THE PERSON:**

- 23 **(I) IS RELEASED;**
- 24 **(II) IS GRANTED PROBATION;**
- 25 **(III) IS GRANTED A SUSPENDED SENTENCE; OR**

1 (IV) RECEIVES A SENTENCE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE A TERM OF
2 IMPRISONMENT; OR

3 (2) IF THE PERSON MOVES INTO THE STATE, WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER
4 THE EARLIER OF THE DATE THAT THE PERSON:

5 (I) ESTABLISHES A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN
6 THE STATE; OR

7 (II) APPLIES FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE IN THE STATE.

8 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A PERSON IS NO
9 LONGER SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF:

10 (1) THE UNDERLYING CONVICTION REQUIRING REGISTRATION IS
11 REVERSED, VACATED, OR SET ASIDE;

12 (2) THE REGISTRANT IS PARDONED FOR THE UNDERLYING
13 CONVICTION; OR

14 (3) THE REGISTRANT NO LONGER RESIDES IN THE STATE.

15 11-1205.

16 (A) A REGISTRANT SHALL PROVIDE THE COUNTY SHERIFF WITH THE
17 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

18 (1) THE REGISTRANT'S LEGAL NAME;

19 (2) THE REGISTRANT'S DATE OF BIRTH;

20 (3) THE REGISTRANT'S RACE;

21 (4) THE REGISTRANT'S GENDER;

22 (5) THE REGISTRANT'S CURRENT ADDRESS OR LOCATION;

23 (6) THE CRIME OF WHICH THE REGISTRANT WAS CONVICTED; AND

24 (7) THE DATE AND LOCATION OF THE CRIME.

25 (B) THE COUNTY SHERIFF SHALL OBTAIN A DIGITAL IMAGE OF THE

1 REGISTRANT'S HEAD AND SHOULDERS TAKEN IN FULL-FACE VIEW.

2 (C) A REGISTRANT SHALL UPDATE THE REGISTRANT'S REGISTRATION
3 INFORMATION:

4 (1) ANNUALLY; AND

5 (2) TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE
6 CHANGE.

7 (D) REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT:

8 (1) FOR A TIER I OFFENDER:

9 (I) FOR A FIRST OR SECOND CONVICTION, FOR A PERIOD OF 5
10 YEARS FOLLOWING EITHER THE DATE OF CONVICTION OR THE DATE OF RELEASE
11 FROM INCARCERATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER; AND

12 (II) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, FOR A PERIOD
13 OF 10 YEARS FOLLOWING EITHER THE DATE OF CONVICTION OR THE DATE OF
14 RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER; AND

15 (2) FOR A TIER II OFFENDER:

16 (I) FOR A FIRST CONVICTION, FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS
17 FOLLOWING EITHER THE DATE OF CONVICTION OR THE DATE OF RELEASE FROM
18 INCARCERATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER; AND

19 (II) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, FOR LIFE.

20 (E) THE COUNTY SHERIFF SHALL FORWARD ALL REGISTRATION
21 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

22 11-1206.

23 (A) IN ADDITION TO ANY FINE, FEE, OR PENALTY LEVIED OR IMPOSED AS
24 PROVIDED BY LAW, EACH REGISTRANT SHALL PAY AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE
25 OF \$50.

26 (B) THE COUNTY SHERIFF SHALL REMIT THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES
27 COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE STATE TREASURER
28 FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY FUND.

1 11-1207.

2 (A) (1) THERE IS AN ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY FUND.

3 (2) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

4 (I) MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND FROM ANNUAL
5 REGISTRATION FEES COLLECTED UNDER § 11-1206 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

6 (II) MONEY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FUND FROM ANY OTHER
7 SOURCE.

8 (3) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
9 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

10 (4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
11 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

12 (5) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME
13 MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

14 (6) THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE
15 AUDITS AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

16 (B) (1) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR FUNDING THE
17 ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SUBTITLE BY COUNTY SHERIFFS AND THE DEPARTMENT.

18 (2) UP TO 65% OF THE MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE PAYABLE TO
19 THE COUNTIES TO FUND THE COLLECTION OF THE INFORMATION BY THE COUNTY
20 SHERIFFS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 11-1205 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (3) UP TO 35% OF THE MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE PAYABLE TO
22 THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE
23 REGISTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 11-1203 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24 (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE FUND FROM RECEIVING MONEY
25 FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

26 11-1208.

27 (A) INFORMATION REGARDING A TIER I OFFENDER CONTAINED IN THE
28 REGISTRY SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE, THROUGH THE INTERNET, BY TELEPHONE,
29 BY WRITTEN ACCESS, AND IN PERSON, ONLY TO:

1 **(1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;**

2 **(2) A HUMANE SOCIETY;**

3 **(3) AN ANIMAL SHELTER;**

4 **(4) AN ANIMAL BREEDER; OR**

5 **(5) A PET STORE.**

6 **(B) INFORMATION REGARDING A TIER II OFFENDER CONTAINED IN THE**
7 **REGISTRY SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE INTERNET,**
8 **BY TELEPHONE, BY WRITTEN ACCESS, AND IN PERSON.**

9 **11-1209.**

10 **(A) A PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION UNDER § 11-1204 OF**
11 **THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY:**

12 **(1) FAIL TO REGISTER WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF;**

13 **(2) FAIL TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION WHEN REGISTERING**
14 **UNDER § 11-1204 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR**

15 **(3) POSSESS OR OTHERWISE COME INTO CONTACT WITH A**
16 **DOMESTICATED ANIMAL WHILE SUBJECT TO THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF**
17 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

18 **(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR**
19 **AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A**
20 **FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2019.