

SB0017/213126/1

BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 17
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the first “of” insert “establishing that certain crimes relating to animals do not apply to certain activities;”; in the same line, strike “domestic or farm”; and after line 10, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 10-603

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

“10-603.

Sections 10-601 through 10-608 and 10-626 of this subtitle do not apply to:

(1) customary and normal veterinary and agricultural husbandry practices including dehorning, castration, tail docking, and limit feeding;

(2) research conducted in accordance with protocols approved by an animal care and use committee, as required under the federal Animal Welfare Act or the federal Health Research Extension Act;

(3) an activity that may cause unavoidable physical pain to an animal[, including food processing, pest elimination, animal training, and hunting,] if the person

performing the activity uses the most humane method reasonably available,
INCLUDING:

(I) FOOD PROCESSING;

(II) PEST ELIMINATION;

(III) ANIMAL TRAINING; AND

**(IV) ANY HUNTING OR FISHING ACTIVITY COMPLETED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 4 OR TITLE 10 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
ARTICLE OR ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THOSE TITLES; or**

**(4) normal human activities in which the infliction of pain to an animal
is purely incidental and unavoidable.”.**

On page 2, strike beginning with “**THIS**” in line 1 down through “**(B)**” in line 2; and in lines 6 and 9, strike “**(C)**” and “**(D)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(B)**” and “**(C)**”, respectively.