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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Transporting Pets in Trucks or Trailers**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from transporting certain animals in or on a
4 truck or trailer on a highway unless the truck or trailer is enclosed in a certain
5 manner or unless the pet is confined in a certain manner; defining a certain term;
6 establishing certain penalties for violations of this Act; and generally relating to the
7 transportation of pets in or on trucks or trailers.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 21-1122
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 21-1122.

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "PET" MEANS A DOMESTICATED MAMMAL.

18 (2) "PET" DOES NOT INCLUDE LIVESTOCK AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE
19 AGRICULTURE ARTICLE.

20 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT TRANSPORT A PET IN OR ON A TRUCK OR TRAILER
21 ON A HIGHWAY UNLESS:

22 (1) THE TRUCK OR TRAILER IS ENCLOSED ON THE SIDES AND ON THE
23 TOP IN A MANNER WHICH SAFELY PREVENTS THE PET FROM FALLING, JUMPING, OR
24 OTHERWISE EXITING THE TRUCK OR TRAILER; OR

25 (2) THE PET IS CONFINED BY A CONTAINER, CAGE, HARNESS, OR OTHER
26 DEVICE DESIGNED TO SAFELY PREVENT THE PET FROM FALLING, JUMPING, OR
27 OTHERWISE EXITING THE TRUCK OR TRAILER.

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1 (C) FOR EACH PET TRANSPORTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON
2 CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHABLE WITH A CIVIL FINE
3 OF:

4 (1) \$100 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE; AND

5 (2) \$250 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 1997.