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## By: Washington County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 1997 Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

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## 2 Washington County - Licensing of Dogs and Kennels

- 3 FOR the purpose of exempting Washington County from certain provisions of law
- 4 relating to licensing of dogs and kennels; repealing certain provisions of law relating
- 5 to dog licenses that apply to Washington County; and generally relating to the
- 6 licensing of dogs and kennels in Washington County.
- BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 7
- 8 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
- 9 Section 11-501(a)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1996 Replacement Volume)
- 12 BY repealing
- 13 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
- 14 Section 11-501(i)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1996 Replacement Volume) 16
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 18 Article 25 - County Commissioners
- 19 Section 236A
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (1996 Replacement Volume)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions 24

- 25 11-501.
- 26 (a) Except in Carroll County, Montgomery County [and], Howard County, AND
- 27 WASHINGTON COUNTY, on or before the first day of July of each year, the owner of any
- 28 dog, six months old or over, shall apply either orally or in writing, to the county treasurer
- 29 or to the tax collecting officer in said county for a license for each such dog owned or kept

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	by him, and such application shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each male dog or each spayed female dog, and a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each unspayed female dog, and provided that kennel license shall be issued for ten dollars (\$10.00) to persons owning or keeping not in excess of twenty-five dogs and that a kennel license fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be issued to persons keeping more than twenty-five dogs. The said license or fee shall be the only license or tax required for the ownership or keeping of said dog or dogs. Such license shall be issued on a form prepared and supplied by the county commissioners. Such license shall be dated and numbered, and shall contain a description of the dog licensed. Except in Carroll County, Montgomery County [and], Howard County, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, all licenses shall be void upon the first day of July of the following year. The county commissioners shall also furnish, and the county treasurer, or tax collecting officer issuing the license, shall issue, with each license, a metal tag. Such tag shall be affixed to a substantial collar. The collar shall be furnished by the owner, and with the tag attached shall at all times be kept on the dog for which the license is issued, except when confined in the kennel or when hunting in charge of an attendant.			
17 18	[(i) (1) In Washington County the fees for dogs shall be determined by the County Commissioners of the County.			
21	(2) (i) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the County Commissioners of Washington County may provide by ordinance that a dog license shall expire when a rabies vaccination certification issued under § 18-319(a)(3) of the Health General Article expires.			
	(ii) If the County Commissioners alter the date on which dog licenses expire, the County Commissioners may provide that the fee for a dog license or the term of a license shall be prorated to reflect altered license terms.]			
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(ii) The control of rabid animals; and

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1	(iii) The disposition of uncontrolled, vicious, and sick animals; a		
2	(4) Provide penalties for a violation of the animal control ordinance.		

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

4 October 1, 1997.