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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Damages for Injury to or Death of Pet**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the measure of damages for tortious injuries to a pet;
4 clarifying that certain damages may be recovered for the tortious death of a pet;
5 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to damages for
6 tortious injury to or death of a pet.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 11-110
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 11-110.

16 (a) (1) In this section "pet" means a domesticated animal.

17 (2) "Pet" does not include livestock.

18 (b) The measure of damages for tortious injuries to OR DEATH OF a pet is the
19 market value of the pet before the injury OR DEATH or the reasonable cost of
20 veterinary care, but not more than [\$2,500] \$5,000 if such charge is greater.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
22 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect
23 on or application to any cause of action that arises before the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 1999.