
By: **Delegates Doory and Dembrow**
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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dogs - Poisoning or Ground Glass - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the penalties for administering or exposing a
4 poisonous substance or ground glass to a dog under certain circumstances;
5 clarifying language; and generally relating to the crime of administering or
6 exposing a poisonous substance to a dog.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 69
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 69.

16 Whoever wilfully and maliciously administers [poison] A POISONOUS
17 SUBSTANCE or ground glass to any dog or exposes any poisonous substance or ground
18 glass, on his own lands or the lands of another, with intent that the [said] poisonous
19 substance or ground glass be taken or swallowed by a dog shall be guilty of a
20 misdemeanor, and upon conviction [thereof shall be fined for each offense, not more
21 than one hundred dollars (\$100.00)] SHALL BE SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT
22 MORE THAN 60 DAYS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR BOTH.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1999.