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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Offenses Involving the Sale or Transfer of Dog or Cat Pelts**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling, offering to sell, transferring, or
4 offering to transfer dog or cat pelts; prohibiting a person from committing
5 certain actions with intent to sell or transfer dog or cat pelts; prohibiting a
6 person from committing certain actions with intent to kill or have killed a dog or
7 cat for the purpose of selling or transferring the dog or cat pelt; providing a
8 certain penalty for violation of this Act; and generally relating to offenses
9 involving the sale or transfer of dog or cat pelts.

10 BY adding to

11 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
12 Section 70F
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

18 70F.

19 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT:

20 (1) KILL A DOG OR CAT WITH INTENT TO SELL OR TRANSFER THE PELT
21 OF THE DOG OR CAT;

22 (2) SELL, OFFER TO SELL, TRANSFER, OR OFFER TO TRANSFER THE PELT
23 OF A DOG OR CAT;

24 (3) POSSESS, IMPORT INTO THE STATE, PURCHASE, OFFER TO
25 PURCHASE, BARTER, EXCHANGE, OR ACCEPT THE PELT OF A DOG OR CAT WITH
26 INTENT TO SELL OR TRANSFER THE PELT OF THE DOG OR CAT; OR

1 (4) POSSESS, IMPORT INTO THE STATE, SELL, OFFER TO SELL,
2 PURCHASE, OFFER TO PURCHASE, TRANSFER, BARTER, EXCHANGE, OR ACCEPT A DOG
3 OR CAT WITH INTENT TO KILL OR HAVE KILLED THE DOG OR CAT FOR THE PURPOSE
4 OF SELLING OR GIVING AWAY THE PELT OF THE DOG OR CAT.

5 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
6 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR
7 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

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