

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 649

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after the semicolon, insert “establishing a certain exception;”; in line 9, after “cruelty;” insert “establishing that the District Court has jurisdiction that is concurrent with a circuit court in felony cases involving cruelty to animals;”; and after line 20, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-301(b)(13) and (14) and 4-302(a) and (d)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-301(b)(15)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 17, after “TO” insert”;

(I); in line 18, after “INCLUDING” insert “, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,”; and in line 19, after “FEEDING” insert “; OR

(II) RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROTOCOLS APPROVED BY AN ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE FEDERAL ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OR THE FEDERAL HEALTH RESEARCH EXTENSION ACT”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 26, insert:

“Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-301.

(b) Except as provided in § 4-302 of this subtitle, the District Court also has exclusive original jurisdiction in a criminal case in which a person at least 18 years old or a corporation is charged with:

(13) Violation of Article 27, § 388A of the Code; [or]

(14) Violation of Title 11, Subtitle 5 of the Financial Institutions Article; OR

(15) VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, § 59 OF THE CODE, WHETHER FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR.

4-302.

(a) Except as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), [and] (14), AND (15) of this subtitle, the District Court does not have jurisdiction to try a criminal case charging the commission of a felony.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the jurisdiction of the District Court is concurrent with that of the circuit court in a criminal case:

(i) In which the penalty may be confinement for three years or more or a fine of \$2,500 or more; or

(ii) Which is a felony, as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), [and] (14), AND (15) of this subtitle.”.