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By: **Delegate Edwards**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Animal Control - Garrett County**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Garrett County dog warden and the warden's  
4 deputies to enforce regulation of animals in Garrett County; authorizing the  
5 Garrett County dog warden and the warden's deputies to issue a summons to  
6 any person in violation of the regulation of animals in the county; authorizing  
7 the County Commissioners of Garrett County to provide for a comprehensive  
8 system for the regulation of dogs and cats in the county; and generally  
9 pertaining to animal control in Garrett County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
12 Section 11-504 (a) and (o)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

18 11-504.

19 (a) (1) The sheriffs of the several counties, or any deputy authorized by him,  
20 shall enforce the provisions of this subtitle. The sheriffs and their duly authorized  
21 deputies may issue a summons to any person violating any provision of this subtitle.

22 (2) In Calvert County AND GARRETT COUNTY, the dog warden and his  
23 deputies have the duties imposed by this subsection.

24 (3) This section does not apply in Washington County.

25 (o) In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under this  
26 subtitle, the county commissioners of Dorchester, GARRETT, and Somerset Counties  
27 may by ordinance provide for a comprehensive system for the regulation of dogs and  
28 cats within the county, including licensing and control. These regulations may include

1 provision for the impounding and disposal of unlicensed or dangerous dogs and cats  
2 and penalties for violations of any of the provisions of the regulations.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2001.