

HOUSE BILL 600

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2002 Regular Session  
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ENROLLED BILL

-- Commerce and Government Matters/Judicial Proceedings --

Introduced by **Dorchester County Delegation**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - ~~Dog~~ Animal Control - Civil Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ establishing that the County Commissioners of  
4 Dorchester County ~~to~~ may impose civil penalties for violations of county animal  
5 control ordinances; authorizing the County Commissioners to provide for the  
6 prosecution of a violation of a certain county animal control ordinance in a  
7 certain manner and to a certain extent; and generally relating to animal control  
8 violation penalties in Dorchester County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
11 Section 11-504(o)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

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

2 11-504.

3       (o)     ~~(4)~~     (1)     In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted  
4 under this subtitle, the county commissioners of Dorchester, Garrett, and Somerset  
5 counties may by ordinance provide for a comprehensive system for the regulation of  
6 dogs and cats within the county, including licensing and control. These regulations  
7 may include provision for the impounding and disposal of unlicensed or dangerous  
8 dogs and cats and penalties, INCLUDING IN DORCHESTER COUNTY CIVIL OR  
9 CRIMINAL PENALTIES, for violations of any of the provisions of the regulations.

10               (2)     IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY  
11 PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF A COUNTY DOG OR CAT CONTROL ORDINANCE  
12 SHALL BE PROSECUTED BY THE COUNTY IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME  
13 EXTENT AS PROVIDED FOR MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 23A, § 3(B) OF  
14 THE CODE.

15               ~~(2)     IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY, BY~~  
16 ~~ORDINANCE, IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF A COUNTY ANIMAL~~  
17 ~~CONTROL ORDINANCE.~~

18       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2002.