

HOUSE BILL 600

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2002

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Dog Control - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Dorchester County to
4 impose civil penalties for violations of county animal control ordinances; and
5 generally relating to animal control violation penalties in Dorchester County.

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

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

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

14 11-504.

15 (o) (1) In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under
16 this subtitle, the county commissioners of Dorchester, Garrett, and Somerset counties
17 may by ordinance provide for a comprehensive system for the regulation of dogs and
18 cats within the county, including licensing and control. These regulations may include
19 provision for the impounding and disposal of unlicensed or dangerous dogs and cats
20 and penalties for violations of any of the provisions of the regulations.

21 (2) IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY, BY
22 ORDINANCE, IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF A COUNTY ANIMAL
23 CONTROL ORDINANCE.

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