

HOUSE BILL 600

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Dog 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; and generally relating to animal control violation penalties
6 in Dorchester County.

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

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

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

15 11-504.

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

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

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