
By: Cecil County Delegation

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Dog and Kennel Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of excluding Cecil County from certain provisions of law relating to
4 dog and kennel licenses; requiring that the fees, terms, and forms for dog and
5 kennel licenses in Cecil County be determined by the County Commissioners of
6 Cecil County; and generally relating to requirements for dog and kennel licenses
7 in Cecil County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
10 Section 11-501
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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

16 11-501.

17 (a) Except in Carroll County, CECIL COUNTY, Montgomery County, Howard
18 County, and Washington County, on or before the first day of July of each year, the
19 owner of any dog, six months old or over, shall apply either orally or in writing, to the
20 county treasurer or to the tax collecting officer in said county for a license for each
21 such dog owned or kept by him, and such application shall be accompanied by a fee of
22 one dollar (\$1.00) for each male dog or each spayed female dog, and a fee of two
23 dollars (\$2.00) for each unspayed female dog, and provided that kennel license shall
24 be issued for ten dollars (\$10.00) to persons owning or keeping not in excess of
25 twenty-five dogs and that a kennel license fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be
26 issued to persons keeping more than twenty-five dogs. The said license or fee shall be
27 the only license or tax required for the ownership or keeping of said dog or dogs. Such
28 license shall be issued on a form prepared and supplied by the county commissioners.
29 Such license shall be dated and numbered, and shall contain a description of the dog
30 licensed. Except in Carroll County, CECIL COUNTY, Montgomery County, Howard

1 County, and Washington County, all licenses shall be void upon the first day of July of
2 the following year. The county commissioners shall also furnish, and the county
3 treasurer, or tax collecting officer issuing the license, shall issue, with each license, a
4 metal tag. Such tag shall be affixed to a substantial collar. The collar shall be
5 furnished by the owner, and with the tag attached shall at all times be kept on the dog
6 for which the license is issued, except when confined in the kennel or when hunting in
7 charge of an attendant.

8 (b) In Calvert County the fees for dog licenses shall be determined by the
9 County Commissioners. However, before establishing or altering any license fee, the
10 Calvert County Commissioners shall advertise the proposed fee for 2 consecutive
11 weeks in at least 2 newspapers of general circulation in Calvert County. All dog
12 licenses will expire on June 30. Any license valid on July 1, 1973, shall remain valid
13 through June 30, 1974.

14 (c) In Harford County all applications for licenses under the provisions of this
15 section shall be made on or before the thirty-first day of December of each year and
16 all licenses issued shall be void upon the thirty-first day of December of the following
17 year. Any license issued under the provisions of this section as of July 1, 1950, shall be
18 valid until December 31, 1951. The license fee for each unspayed female dog shall be
19 three dollars (\$3.00).

20 (d) In Montgomery County:

21 (1) The fees for dogs shall be determined by the County Executive of the
22 county; and

23 (2) A dog license shall expire when a rabies vaccination certification
24 issued under § 18-319(a)(3) of the Health - General Article expires.

25 (e) In St. Mary's County the license fees for dogs, including the fee for any
26 kennel license, shall be determined by the County Commissioners of the county and
27 shall be payable on or before the thirtieth day of June of each year, and all such
28 licenses issued shall be void upon the thirtieth day of June the following year. The
29 County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized and directed to appoint
30 the necessary agents to collect said license fees from owners of dogs who have not paid
31 the required license fees by the first day of August in each year, and there shall be
32 added to the fee of such delinquent owner a penalty of one dollar (\$1.00) per license.
33 Every dog warden appointed in St. Mary's County shall have all the powers of a
34 constable or other peace officer.

35 (f) In Talbot County the fee for a male dog or a spayed female shall be \$1.50
36 and the fee for an unspayed female dog shall be \$3.00.

37 (g) In Charles County the fee for dogs shall be determined by the County
38 Commissioners of the county.

39 (h) In Howard County:

1 (1) The fee for dog and kennel licenses is determined by the County
2 Executive with the approval of the County Council; and

3 (2) A dog license shall expire as specified by county law.

4 (i) Repealed.

5 (j) In Worcester, Kent, and Caroline counties the fee for dog and kennel
6 licenses shall be determined by the county commissioners.

7 (k) In Frederick County, the license fees for dogs, including the fee for any
8 kennel license, shall be determined by the County Commissioners of the county.

9 (l) In Wicomico County:

10 (1) The fees for dog and kennel licenses shall be determined by the
11 County Council of Wicomico County; and

12 (2) A dog license shall expire as specified by county law.

13 (m) In Anne Arundel County, the fees for dog and kennel licenses shall be
14 determined by the County Council of Anne Arundel County. A dog license shall expire
15 when a rabies vaccination certificate issued under § 18-319(a)(3) of the Health -
16 General Article expires.

17 (n) In Garrett County, the license fee for dogs, including the fee for any kennel
18 license, shall be determined by the County Commissioners of the county.

19 (o) (1) This subsection applies only to Carroll County.

20 (2) The Carroll County Commissioners shall set the fees, the term, and
21 the form for dog licenses and kennel licenses pursuant to the authority under §
22 11-511 of this subtitle.

23 (P) IN CECIL COUNTY, THE FEES, THE TERMS, AND THE FORMS FOR DOG AND
24 KENNEL LICENSES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
25 CECIL COUNTY.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2005.