
By: Calvert County Delegation

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County - Power to Adopt a ~~Comprehensive~~ an Animal Control**
3 **Ordinance**4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to
5 ~~adopt, amend, and enforce a comprehensive animal control ordinance; provide,~~
6 by ordinance, for the regulation, humane treatment, and keeping of domestic
7 animals within the county, including the authority to assess certain penalties for
8 violations of an ordinance; and generally relating to the authority of the Calvert
9 County Commissioners to enact an animal control ordinance.10 ~~BY adding to~~11 ~~Article 25 - County Commissioners~~12 ~~Section 3(ss)~~13 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~14 ~~(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~15 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~16 ~~Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions~~17 ~~Section 11-504(p)~~18 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~19 ~~(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article 25 – County Commissioners

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3 ~~(SS) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY MAY ADOPT, AMEND,~~
4 ~~AND ENFORCE A COMPREHENSIVE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE.~~

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Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions

6 11-504.

7 (p) In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under this
8 subtitle, the County Commissioners of Calvert County may by ordinance [or
9 resolution provide for the regulation of dogs and cats within Calvert County]
10 PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION, HUMANE TREATMENT, AND KEEPING OF DOMESTIC
11 ANIMALS WITHIN CALVERT COUNTY, INCLUDING THE AUTHORITY TO ASSESS A
12 PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF AN ORDINANCE OF IMPRISONMENT
13 IN THE COUNTY JAIL NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR
14 BOTH.

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