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Senate Bill 528 (Senator Colburn)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Talbot County - Dog and Kennel Licenses and Dog Tags

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This bill requires the Talbot County Council to determine the fees, terms, and forms for dog and kennel licenses in Talbot County. Additionally, it alters the definition of “dog tag” in Talbot County to include a surgically implanted microchip.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Requiring the Talbot County Council to determine the fees, terms, and forms for dog and kennel licenses would not directly affect Talbot County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Except in Carroll, Montgomery, Howard, and Washington counties, the owner of a dog over six months old must apply for a license on or before the first day of July each year. In general, the fees for the dog license are as follows: \$1 for each male dog or spayed female dog; \$2 for each unspayed female dog; \$10 for each kennel license for owning or keeping up to 25 dogs; and \$20 for a kennel license for keeping more than 25 dogs. In Talbot County, the license fee for a male dog or spayed female dog is \$1.50 and the fee for an unspayed female dog is \$3.00. Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Montgomery, St. Mary’s, and Worcester counties are authorized to set dog license fees. Howard and Wicomico counties are authorized to set the fees and terms for dog licenses. Carroll County is authorized to set the fees, terms, and forms of dog licenses.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Talbot County advises that while this bill would give the county council the authority to set the fees, terms, and forms for the issuance of dog and kennel licenses, the county does not expect that the county council will increase the fees at this time.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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