
By: **Calvert County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of excluding Calvert County from certain provisions of law relating
 4 to dog and kennel licenses; providing that dog licenses in Calvert County shall
 5 expire a certain period after the date of issue; repealing a certain obsolete
 6 provision; and generally relating to dog and kennel licenses in Calvert County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 8 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
 9 Section 11-501(a) and (b)
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
 11 (2005 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 11-501.

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

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

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

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2006.