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House Bill 1185

(Calvert County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

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Calvert County - Dog and Kennel Licenses

This bill provides that dog licenses in Calvert County expire one year from the issuance date. The bill also exempts Calvert County from certain statutory provisions regarding the date by which a dog owner must apply for a license and the date upon which a dog license expires.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Altering the expiration date of dog licenses in Calvert County would not directly impact county finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Except in Carroll, Cecil, Howard, Montgomery, 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 addition, except in these same counties, all licenses are void on July 1 the following year. In Calvert County, all dog licenses expire on June 30.

Background: In Calvert County, dog license fees must be set by the county commissioners.

A number of counties have different dog license expiration dates than July 1. In Harford County, for example, dog licenses must be applied for by December 31 each year, and the licenses expire December 31 the following year. In Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties, a dog license expires when the rabies vaccination certificate expires. Howard and Wicomico counties have the authority to provide for the expiration of licenses by local law.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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