

# HOUSE BILL 113

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By: **Delegate Elmore**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2008

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Regulation of Dogs and Cats – Violations of Ordinances**  
3 **and Regulations**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to  
5 impose civil and criminal penalties for violations of certain regulations relating  
6 to dogs and cats; authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to  
7 provide that violations of certain dog and cat control ordinances may be  
8 prosecuted in a certain manner; and generally relating to ordinances for the  
9 regulation of dogs and cats.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions  
12 Section 11–504(o)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

18 11–504.

19 (o) (1) In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under  
20 this subtitle, the county commissioners of Dorchester, Garrett, and Somerset counties  
21 may by ordinance provide for a comprehensive system for the regulation of dogs and  
22 cats within the county, including licensing and control. These regulations may include  
23 provision for the impounding and disposal of unlicensed or dangerous dogs and cats  
24 and penalties, including [in Dorchester County and Garrett County] civil or criminal  
25 penalties, for violations of any of the provisions of the regulations.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2) In Dorchester County [and], Garrett County, **AND SOMERSET**  
2 **COUNTY**, the County Commissioners may provide that a violation of a county dog or  
3 cat control ordinance shall be prosecuted by the county in the same manner and to the  
4 same extent as provided for municipal infractions under Article 23A, § 3(b) of the  
5 Code.

6                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2008.