

HOUSE BILL 134

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HB 132/97 – CGM

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By: **Delegates Kelly, Dumais, McComas, Shank, and Smigiel**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2008

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Transporting Pets in Trucks or Trailers**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from transporting certain animals in or on a
4 truck or trailer on a highway unless the truck or trailer is enclosed in a certain
5 manner or unless the pet is confined in a certain manner; defining a certain
6 term; establishing certain penalties for violations of this Act; and generally
7 relating to the transportation of pets in or on trucks or trailers.

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–1121.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 **21–1121.1.**

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “PET” MEANS A DOMESTICATED MAMMAL.

18 (2) “PET” DOES NOT INCLUDE LIVESTOCK AS DEFINED IN § 1–101
19 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE.

20 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT TRANSPORT A PET IN OR ON A TRUCK OR
21 TRAILER ON A HIGHWAY UNLESS:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) THE TRUCK OR TRAILER IS ENCLOSED ON THE SIDES AND ON**
2 **THE TOP IN A MANNER THAT SAFELY PREVENTS THE PET FROM FALLING,**
3 **JUMPING, OR OTHERWISE EXITING THE TRUCK OR TRAILER; OR**

4 **(2) THE PET IS CONFINED BY A CONTAINER, CAGE, HARNESS, OR**
5 **OTHER DEVICE DESIGNED TO SAFELY PREVENT THE PET FROM FALLING,**
6 **JUMPING, OR OTHERWISE EXITING THE TRUCK OR TRAILER.**

7 **(C) FOR EACH PET TRANSPORTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, A**
8 **PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL**
9 **FINE OF:**

10 **(1) \$100 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE; AND**

11 **(2) \$250 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.**

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