

HOUSE BILL 134

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CHAPTER _____

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; providing that a
6 violation of this Act is not considered a moving violation for certain purposes;
7 defining a certain term; ~~establishing certain penalties for violations~~ establishing
8 that certain penalties apply to a violation of this Act; and generally relating to
9 the transportation of pets in or on trucks or trailers.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 21–1121.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article – Transportation

17 Section 27–101(b)

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article - Transportation

2 21-1121.1.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "PET" MEANS A DOMESTICATED MAMMAL.

4 (2) "PET" DOES NOT INCLUDE LIVESTOCK AS DEFINED IN § 1-101
5 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE.6 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT TRANSPORT A PET IN OR ON A TRUCK OR
7 TRAILER ON A HIGHWAY UNLESS:8 (1) THE TRUCK OR TRAILER IS ENCLOSED ON THE SIDES AND ON
9 THE TOP IN A MANNER THAT SAFELY PREVENTS THE PET FROM FALLING,
10 JUMPING, OR OTHERWISE EXITING THE TRUCK OR TRAILER; OR11 (2) THE PET IS CONFINED BY A CONTAINER, CAGE, HARNESS, OR
12 OTHER DEVICE DESIGNED TO SAFELY PREVENT THE PET FROM FALLING,
13 JUMPING, OR OTHERWISE EXITING THE TRUCK OR TRAILER.14 (C) ~~FOR EACH PET TRANSPORTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, A~~
15 ~~PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL~~
16 ~~FINE OF:~~17 ~~(1) \$100 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE; AND~~18 ~~(2) \$250 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE~~ A VIOLATION OF THIS
19 SECTION IS NOT CONSIDERED A MOVING VIOLATION FOR PURPOSES OF § 16-402
20 OF THIS ARTICLE.21 27-101.22 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a
23 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is
24 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2008.