

# HOUSE BILL 216

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County - Treasurer - Animal Control Ordinance Fines**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain fines issued in accordance with certain Calvert  
4 County ordinances to be paid to the Calvert County Treasurer; making  
5 technical corrections; and generally relating to the payment of fines for  
6 violations of animal control ordinances in Calvert County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions  
9 Section 11–504(p)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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 11–504.

16 (p) (1) In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under  
17 this subtitle, the County Commissioners of Calvert County may by ordinance provide  
18 for the regulation, humane treatment, and keeping of domestic animals within Calvert  
19 County, including the authority to assess a penalty for a violation of a provision of an  
20 ordinance of imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 30 days or a fine not  
21 exceeding \$1,000 or both.

22 (2) **ANY FINES ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE**  
23 **ENACTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID TO THE**  
24 **CALVERT COUNTY TREASURER.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                    [(2)] (3)    (i)    The County Commissioners of Calvert County may  
2 create an Animal Matters Hearing Board to resolve disputes and controversies arising  
3 under the animal control ordinances adopted under this subsection.

4                    (ii)    The County Commissioners may authorize an Animal  
5 Matters Hearing Board to:

6    1.    Issue a subpoena to compel parties in a dispute to  
7 appear before the Board;

8    2.    Assess a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for a  
9 violation of an ordinance adopted under this subsection; and

10     3.    Collect a civil penalty imposed under this paragraph.

11                    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2009.