

# HOUSE BILL 216

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – ~~Treasurer~~ Animal Control Ordinance Fines – Fines and**  
3 **Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the length of time a dog license in Calvert County  
5 remains effective; requiring certain fines issued in accordance with certain  
6 Calvert County ordinances to be paid to the Calvert County Treasurer; making  
7 technical corrections; and generally relating to ~~the payment of fines for~~  
8 ~~violations of animal control ordinances~~ in Calvert County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions  
11 Section 11-501(b) and 11-504(p)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

### 16 **Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

17 11-501.

18 (b) In Calvert County the fees for dog licenses shall be determined by the  
19 County Commissioners. However, before establishing or altering any license fee, the  
20 Calvert County Commissioners shall advertise the proposed fee for 2 consecutive  
21 weeks in at least 2 newspapers of general circulation in Calvert County. All dog

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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 licenses will expire [1 year]1, 2, OR 3 YEARS after the date of issue, AS SPECIFIED  
 2 BY COUNTY LAW.

3 11-504.

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

10 (2) ANY FINES ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE  
 11 ENACTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID TO THE  
 12 CALVERT COUNTY TREASURER.

13 [(2)] (3) (i) The County Commissioners of Calvert County may  
 14 create an Animal Matters Hearing Board to resolve disputes and controversies arising  
 15 under the animal control ordinances adopted under this subsection.

16 (ii) The County Commissioners may authorize an Animal  
 17 Matters Hearing Board to:

18 1. Issue a subpoena to compel parties in a dispute to  
 19 appear before the Board;

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.