

# HOUSE BILL 546

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By: **Delegates Kelly, Dumais, and Kramer**  
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## 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; providing that a  
6 violation of this Act is not a moving violation for certain purposes; defining a  
7 certain term; establishing that certain penalties apply to a violation of this Act;  
8 and generally relating to the transportation of pets in or on trucks or trailers.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 21–1121.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
15 Article – Transportation  
16 Section 27–101(b)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 **21–1121.1.**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) "PET" DOES NOT INCLUDE LIVESTOCK AS DEFINED IN § 1-101**  
2 **OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE.**

3           **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT TRANSPORT A PET IN OR ON A TRUCK OR**  
4 **TRAILER ON A HIGHWAY UNLESS:**

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

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

11           **(C) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS NOT A MOVING VIOLATION FOR**  
12 **PURPOSES OF § 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

13 27-101.

14           (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a  
15 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is  
16 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

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