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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 131
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, strike “Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation” and substitute “Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General”.

On page 2, strike beginning with “civil” in line 8 down through “subsequent” in line 9 and substitute “that a”; in line 9, after “Act” insert “is an unfair or deceptive trade practice within the meaning of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions”; in line 12, after “laws;” insert “providing for the application of this Act;”; and in line 17, strike “19-708” and substitute “19-709”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 15, insert:

“THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A BONA FIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OPERATING WITHIN A RETAIL PET STORE.

19-703.”.

On page 4, in line 8, after “DEALER” insert “**WHO SUPPLIED THE DOG;**”; in the same line, strike “AND” and substitute:

“2.”;

and in line 10, strike “2.” and substitute “**3.**”.

(Over)

On page 5, in line 1, strike “DEPARTMENT” and substitute “DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL”; in line 2, after “ANY” insert “BONA FIDE”; in lines 4 and 21, strike “19-703.” and “19-704.”, respectively, and substitute “19-704.” and “19-705.”, respectively; in line 24, strike “21” and substitute “7”; and in the same line, strike “A” and substitute “THE PERSON HAD THE DOG EXAMINED BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN AND, WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE SALE, THE”.

On page 6, in line 12, after “PURCHASER” insert “, IF AVAILABLE”; in line 14, after “REASONABLE” insert “AND DOCUMENTED”; and in line 15, strike “THREE” and substitute “TWO”.

On page 7, in line 13, after “STORE,” insert “PROMPTLY”.

On page 9, in lines 5 and 16, strike “19-705.” and “19-706.”, respectively, and substitute “19-706.” and “19-707.”, respectively; and in line 29, strike “120” and substitute “90”.

On page 10, in lines 9 and 14, strike “19-707.” and “19-708.”, respectively, and substitute “19-708.”, and “19-709.”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

“A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) IS AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 13 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE; AND

(2) IS SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE 13 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE.”