

# SENATE BILL 360

E1

3lr0603  
CF HB 542

---

By: **Senators Simonaire, Colburn, Ferguson, Forehand, Gladden, Glassman, Jacobs, Jennings, Madaleno, Montgomery, Raskin, Reilly, Shank, Stone, and Young**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2013

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

---

Committee Report: Favorable

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 17, 2013

---

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Aggravated Animal Cruelty – Baiting**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using or allowing a dog to be used for  
4 baiting; prohibiting a person from possessing, owning, selling, transporting, or  
5 training a dog with the intent to use the dog for baiting; prohibiting a person  
6 from knowingly allowing certain premises to be used for baiting; defining a  
7 certain term; and generally relating to dogfights and baiting.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Criminal Law

10 Section 10–607

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 10–607.

---

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           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BAITING" MEANS USING A DOG TO TRAIN A**  
2 **FIGHTING DOG OR TO TEST THE FIGHTING OR KILLING INSTINCT OF ANOTHER**  
3 **DOG.**

4           **[(a)] (B)**     A person may not:

5                   (1)     use or allow a dog to be used in a dogfight **OR FOR BAITING**;

6                   (2)     arrange or conduct a dogfight;

7                   (3)     possess, own, sell, transport, or train a dog with the intent to use  
8 the dog in a dogfight **OR FOR BAITING**; or

9                   (4)     knowingly allow premises under the person's ownership, charge, or  
10 control to be used to conduct a dogfight **OR FOR BAITING**.

11           **[(b)] (C)**     (1)     A person who violates this section is guilty of the felony of  
12 aggravated cruelty to animals and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not  
13 exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

14                   (2)     As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant  
15 convicted of violating this section to participate in and pay for psychological  
16 counseling.

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

---

Governor.

---

President of the Senate.

---

Speaker of the House of Delegates.