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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 66 (Delegate Tarrant)
Environmental Matters

Local Government - Dog Licenses - Required

This bill requires Baltimore City and each county to enact an ordinance requiring the licensing of dogs in the county.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. All counties and Baltimore City have local ordinances that require the licensing of dogs.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Title 13 of the Local Government Article contains local provisions related to the licensing of dogs. Specifically, Section 13-102 authorizes county governments, except Washington County, to adopt rules and regulations for the licensing of dogs. Section 13-132 authorizes animal control ordinances in Washington County, including dog licensing. However, Title 13 does not currently apply to Baltimore City (Section 13-101).

All counties and Baltimore City currently have a local ordinance in place that requires the licensing of dogs.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Baltimore, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Washington counties; Maryland Association of Counties; Department of Legislative Services

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