

Chapter 701

(Senate Bill 1123)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Regulation of Animals – Enforcement

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement applicable to Garrett County that a certain animal control officer enforce certain provisions; requiring, in Garrett County, certain provisions to be enforced by the sheriff, a certain deputy, or a certain animal control officer; and generally relating to enforcement of animal regulations in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 13–102(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

13–102.

(c) (1) Except as provided in [paragraphs] **PARAGRAPH (2) [and (3)]** of this subsection, the sheriff or a deputy authorized by the sheriff:

- (i) shall enforce this subtitle; and
- (ii) may issue a summons to a person who violates a provision of this subtitle.

(2) [In Garrett County, the animal control officer shall enforce this subtitle.

(3)] In Calvert County **AND GARRETT COUNTY:**

- (i) this subtitle shall be enforced by:
 1. the sheriff or any deputy authorized by the sheriff; or
 2. an animal control officer appointed by the county commissioners or the county commissioner’s designee; and

(ii) the sheriff, a deputy authorized by the sheriff, or an animal control officer may issue a summons to any person violating a provision of this subtitle.

[(4)] (3) The governing body of a county shall pay the actual expenses in enforcing this subtitle, including paying the salary of a deputy appointed for that purpose.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.