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0lr2796 **CF HB 406**

By: Senators Kramer, Feldman, Patterson, and Peters

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

2 **Crimes - Unattended Dogs in Extreme Weather Conditions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended for 4 longer than a certain period without access to certain suitable shelter during certain 5 extreme weather conditions; making a certain violation a civil offense; establishing 6

certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to leaving

unattended dogs outside.

- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article – Criminal Law
- 10 Section 10-623

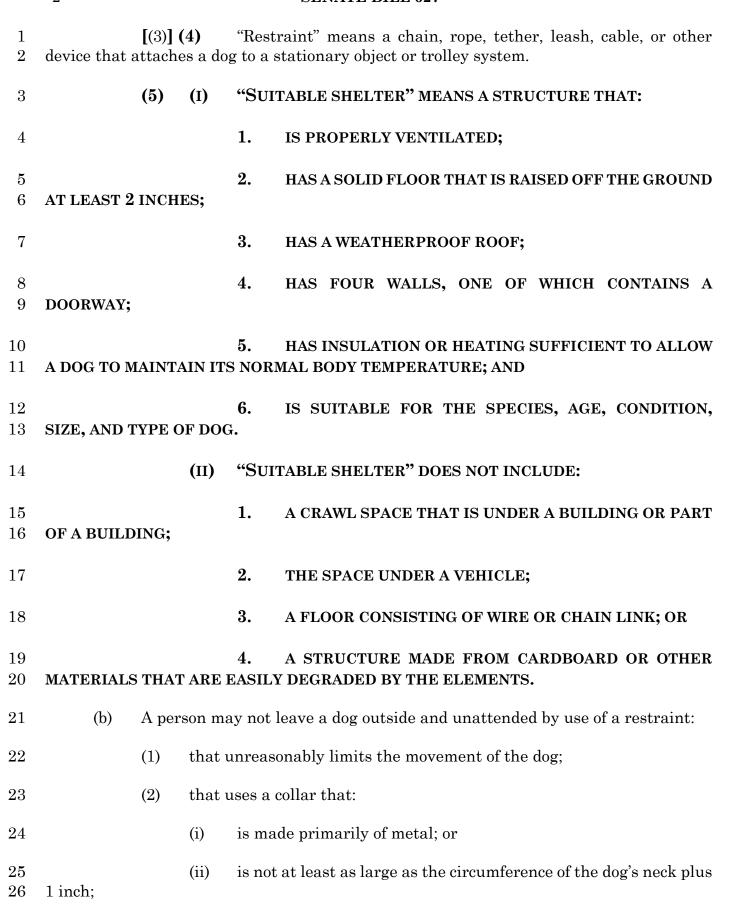
AN ACT concerning

- Annotated Code of Maryland 11
- (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement) 12
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 13
- That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 14
- Article Criminal Law 15
- 10-623.16

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- In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. 17 (a) (1)
- 18 "Collar" means a device constructed of nylon, leather, or similar 19 material specifically designed to be used around the neck of a dog.
- 20 **(3)** "EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS" MEANS TEMPERATURES
- 21 BELOW 32 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT OR ABOVE 90 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, OR DURING
- 22 AN ACTIVE WEATHER WARNING ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.



$\frac{1}{2}$	(3) that restricts the access of the dog to suitable and sufficient clean water or appropriate shelter;			
3	(4)	in un	safe or unsanitary conditions; or	
4	(5)	that o	eauses injury to the dog.	
5 6 7	(C) A PERSON MAY NOT LEAVE A DOG OUTSIDE AND UNATTENDED FOR LONGER THAN 30 MINUTES WITHOUT ACCESS TO CONTINUOUS SUITABLE SHELTER DURING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS.			
8	[(c)] (D)	(1)	A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CIVIL OFFENSE.	
9 10 11	(2) A person who violates this section is [guilty of a misdemeanor and or conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both] SUBJECT TO:			
12		(I)	FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, A WARNING;	
13		(II)	FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, A \$500 FINE; OR	
14		(III)	FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A \$1,000 FINE.	
15 16	SECTION 2 October 1, 2020.	. ANI	BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect	