

HOUSE BILL 191

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By: **Delegates Lehman, Ruth, and Terrasa**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Agriculture – Spay/Neuter Fund – Extension and Report**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the termination provisions for certain provisions of law
4 relating to the Spay/Neuter Fund; requiring the Department of Agriculture to report,
5 on or before a certain date, to the General Assembly on the Fund; and generally
6 relating to the Spay/Neuter Fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Chapter 561 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
9 Section 3

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Chapter 562 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
12 Section 3

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

15 **Chapter 561 of the Acts of 2013**

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of [9] 19 years and, at the end of
18 September 30, [2022] 2032, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
19 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

20 **Chapter 562 of the Acts of 2013**

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of [9] 19 years and, at the end of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 September 30, [2022] **2032**, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
2 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2022,
4 the Department of Agriculture shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with §
5 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the Spay/Neuter Fund, including:

6 (1) spay and neuter programs that are not receiving funding from the
7 Spay/Neuter Fund;

8 (2) the market capacity for increasing the fees assessed on each brand
9 name or product name of commercial feed under § 2–1603 of the Agriculture Article; and

10 (3) a proposed fee structure that can be implemented over the next 5 to 10
11 years to enhance the revenue generated from the fees assessed under § 2–1603 of the
12 Agriculture Article.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
14 1, 2022.