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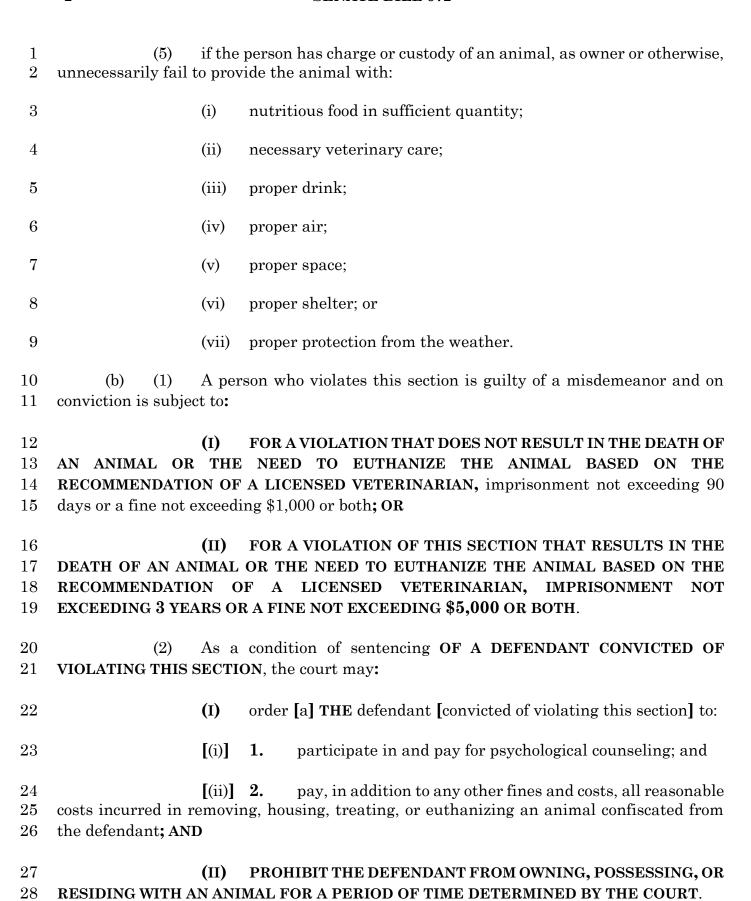
A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Criminal Law - Animal Abuse or Neglect - Penalties 3 FOR the purpose of establishing increased penalties for the abuse or neglect of an animal 4 if the abuse or neglect results in the death or euthanasia of the animal; authorizing 5 the court, as a condition of sentencing a certain defendant, to prohibit the defendant 6 from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal for a certain period of time; and generally relating to animal abuse and neglect. 7 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 9 Article - Criminal Law 10 Section 10-604 Annotated Code of Maryland 11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 10-604. 16 17 A person may not: (a) overdrive or overload an animal; 18 (1) 19 (2)deprive an animal of necessary sustenance; 20 (3) inflict unnecessary suffering or pain on an animal; 21cause, procure, or authorize an act prohibited under item (1), (2), or (3) 22 of this subsection; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





- 1 (3) As a condition of probation, the court may prohibit a defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal **FOR A PERIOD OF TIME DETERMINED BY** 3 **THE COURT**.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.