

Chapter 472

(House Bill 191)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 562 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Chapter 561 of the Acts of 2013

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

Chapter 562 of the Acts of 2013

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

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

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

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

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

(4) additional sources of revenue for the Spay/Neuter Fund.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.