

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 19-008 As Amended _____

Brief Title (Animal Cruelty) _____

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Myelin A. De...
Council Administrator

Date 5-28-19

ENROLLED

[Signature]
Council President

Date 5-28-19

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 19-016

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order
[Signature]
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 29th day of May, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

[Signature]
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

[Signature]
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date 5/29/19

BY THE COUNCIL

~~This Bill No. 19-008 As Amended having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on May 29, 2019.~~

EFFECTIVE: May 29, 2019

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 19-008

Introduced by _____ Council President Vincenti at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 19-011 Date April 9, 2019

AN EMERGENCY ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 64-20, Animals in vehicles, of Article IV, Animal Care; Abuse; Cruelty, and Section 64-29, Civil penalty, of Article VI, Penalty Provisions, all of Chapter 64, Animals, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for a lower maximum outside temperature for unattended motor vehicles containing animals; to provide exceptions to the temperature requirement; to make this an Emergency Act; to increase the civil monetary penalty for certain violations; and generally relating to animal control.

By the Council, April 9, 2019

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: May 14, 2019

at: 7:00 PM

By Order: *Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on May 14, 2019 and concluded on May 14, 2019.

Mylia A. Dixon, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section
2 64-20, Animals in vehicles, of Article IV, Animal Care; Abuse; Cruelty, be, and it is hereby,
3 repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all of Chapter 64, Animals, of the Harford County
4 Code, as amended, and all to read as follows:

5 **Chapter 64. Animals**

6 **Article IV. Animal Care; Abuse; Cruelty**

7 **§ 64-20. Animals in vehicles.**

- 8 A. No person shall leave any animal unattended in a motor vehicle when the temperature
9 outside exceeds [80] 70° F., except the Sheriff, ~~a state or local police K-9 officer who is~~
10 ~~especially equipped with a vehicle that is used for animal transport.~~ A POLICE K-9
11 OFFICER, OR WITHIN ANY VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH A SAFETY CLIMATE
12 CONTROL SYSTEM DESIGNED FOR ANIMAL TRANSPORT.
- 13 B. Any law enforcement officer or agent of the Humane Society of Harford County, Inc., who
14 determines that an animal has been left in a motor vehicle in violation of this Article shall
15 have the right to take such reasonable steps to free the animal from the vehicle as he deems
16 necessary to protect the animal from serious injury or death.

17 **Article VI. Penalty Provisions.**

18 **§ 64-29. Civil Penalty**

19 The Sheriff or his designee shall serve a violation notice to any person found in violation of
20 this chapter. EXCEPT FOR VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE IV, [The] THE notice shall
21 impose upon such violator a civil monetary penalty of \$30, which shall be paid to the
22 County within 10 days in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty. The penalty shall
23 increase to \$100 for a second offense and \$150 for a third and any subsequent offense.

**BILL NO. 19-008
AS AMENDED**

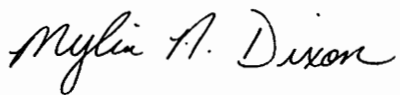
1 FOR VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE IV, ANIMAL CARE; ABUSE; CRUELTY, THE
2 NOTICE OF VIOLATION SHALL IMPOSE UPON A VIOLATOR A CIVIL
3 MONETARY PENALTY OF \$50 WHICH SHALL BE PAID TO THE COUNTY
4 WITHIN 10 DAYS IN FULL SATISFACTION OF THE ASSESSED PENALTY. THE
5 PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE IV SHALL INCREASE TO \$150 FOR A
6 SECOND OFFENSE AND \$500 FOR A THIRD AND ANY SUBSEQUENT
7 OFFENSE.”

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9 ~~Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the~~
10 ~~date it becomes law.~~

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12 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act is declared to be an Emergency Act,
13 necessary to prevent injury or death of animals and to ensure the public’s health, safety and
14 welfare, and shall take effect on the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: May 29, 2019

The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.



Council Administrator