

# SENATE BILL 729

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By: **Cecil County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2010

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County – Regulation of Domestic Animals**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Cecil County, by  
4 ordinance, to provide for certain regulation of certain domestic animals and  
5 certain hybrids of domestic and wild animals; and generally relating to the  
6 regulation of domestic animals in Cecil County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions  
9 Section 11–511  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

15 11–511.

16 (a) This section only applies to Carroll County, **CECIL COUNTY**, and  
17 Frederick County.

18 (b) In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under this  
19 article, the county commissioners, by ordinance, may provide for a comprehensive  
20 system for the regulation of domestic animals, including dogs, and wild animals held  
21 in captivity, within the county, including licensing and control.

22 (c) These regulations may include:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (1)    Provisions for the impoundment and disposal of unlicensed or  
2 dangerous dogs;

3                   (2)    Provisions for the regulation of persons who own or keep any  
4 animal which disturbs the peace and quiet of a neighborhood, or which is vicious; and

5                   (3)    Reasonable penalties for violations of any of the provisions of the  
6 regulations, not to exceed imprisonment in the county jail for 30 days or a fine of \$500,  
7 or both.

8           (d)    The county commissioners:

9                   (1)    May regulate animals that are hybrids of domestic or wild animals;  
10 but

11                   (2)    May not regulate or control wild animals that are not owned or  
12 kept by individuals.

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2010.