

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 555

(Senate Bill 583)

AN ACT to add new Sections 191 (j) and 194 (j) to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the Counties", to follow immediately after Sections 191 (i) and 194 (i), respectively thereof and to empower the County Commissioners of Worcester County to pass rules, regulations and resolutions to provide for the fee, administration and sales of dog licenses; pounds; wardens; disposal of certain dogs; and to enact certain other provisions relating to the regulation of dogs generally in Worcester County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, The new Sections 191 (j) and 194 (j) be and they are hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the Counties", to follow immediately after Sections 191 (i) and 194 (i), respectively, and to read as follows:

191.

*(j) In Worcester County the fee for dog and kennel licenses shall be determined by the County Commissioners.*

194.

*(j) The County Commissioners of Worcester County are hereby authorized and empowered, in order to safeguard the health, safety and public welfare of the residents of Worcester County to pass rules, regulations, and resolutions for the purpose of carrying out powers hereinafter granted, provided that such rules or regulations, and resolutions shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion contained herein, and shall operate uniformly. The said rules, regulations or resolutions shall provide for sale of dog licenses in said County, the keeping of records of all sales, the designation of persons authorized to sell such licenses, the taking into custody and disposition of any dogs found running at large within the limits of Worcester County with power to delegate by written contract for the enforcement of such rules, regulations or resolutions, provided, however, that in any such contract, said County Commissioners shall reserve the right to cancel, without notice or recourse, such delegation for stated cause or on thirty days notice without cause. Before the County Commissioners shall proceed to enforce any rule, regulation or resolution passed in pursuance of the provisions of this section, advertisement of such rule, regulation or resolution shall be made in some newspaper published in Worcester County once each week for four successive weeks in order to provide any person, firm or corporation adversely affected thereby an opportunity to be heard by the county commissioners in opposition to the adoption of such*