

calendar year preceding the proposed closure. The Board of Education shall consider these recommendations at least 3 months before taking final action. These provisions may be waived by mutual agreement.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 288.

This bill provides that the measure of damages for tortious injuries to or death of a pet is the market value of the pet before the injury or death or the reasonable cost of veterinary care, but not more than \$5,000 if such charge is greater.

House Bill 214, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 13, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 288.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill 288

AN ACT concerning

Damages for Injury to or Death of Pet Animal

FOR the purpose of altering the measure of damages for tortious injuries to a pet ~~animal~~; clarifying that certain damages may be recovered for the tortious death of a pet ~~animal~~; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to damages for tortious injury to or death of a pet ~~animal~~.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 11-110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume)

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