

laws relating to the licensing of dogs in Anne Arundel County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 256A, 256E, 256K and 256-O of Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Dogs", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 255 of the Acts of 1939, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

256A. *Creation of Dog Wardens and Authority to Contract Enforcement of Licensing.* The Board of County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County may establish and maintain one or more dog pounds or shelters in the county for the impounding of dogs under the provisions of this Act, the expense for construction and maintenance of which shall be paid out of the Pound Fund, and shall create the office of Dog Warden and at its first meeting in January each year, shall appoint one or more persons to this office to act as dog license enforcement officers in the various election districts assigned to them. Such Wardens shall have all the power of a constable or other peace officer in the execution of the provisions of this Act, including the service of summons, the suing out and service of a warrant of arrest or of replevin for a dog; to make arrests, and to prosecute charges in connection with unlawful acts or violations relating to or growing out of such enforcement.

Beginning in January each year, Wardens shall make a complete canvass of the election district for which they are appointed and shall compile a census, in a book furnished by the County Treasurer, showing the names and addresses of every household in each district with the name of each member of a household that owns or harbors a dog and stating the number and approximate age and description of each dog and at the time of call shall acquaint the owner with the provisions of the licensing Act and demand immediate compliance therewith.

As full compensation for making a complete canvass and compiling such dog census and during the first week of March submitting the same to the County Treasurer for inspection and stamping after the last entry therein, the Warden shall receive 25% of all money when the same is paid in to the Treasurer for licenses covering dogs listed in his census or any supplements thereto filed by him before any such additional dogs are licensed.

Immediately after such census book is stamped by the County Treasurer, the Warden shall check up on all licenses