

CHAPTER 19

(Senate Bill 19)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health," sub-title "Rabies," said new section to be known as Section 576, and to follow immediately after Section 575 of said Article, relating to dogs or other animals subject to rabies and suspected of having rabies and the procedure to be followed in certain cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health," sub-title "Rabies," said new section to be known as Section 576, to follow immediately after Section 575 of said Article, and to read as follows:

576. In any county OR BALTIMORE CITY when any dog or other animal subject to rabies has bitten or attacked any person or when any dog or other animal is suspected of having rabies, it shall be the duty of any person having a knowledge of such facts to report the same immediately to the County OR CITY Health Officer. Such animal shall not be killed but shall be confined in such way and for such period as said County OR CITY Health Officer shall direct, and such confinement shall only be terminated with the consent of such Health Officer. The confinement of such animal shall be at the expense of the owner, or custodian of such animal unless county funds are available to pay for such confinement. AND ANY HEALTH OFFICER SHALL BE EMPOWERED IN HIS DISCRETION TO ORDER AN EXAMINATION OF ANY SUCH DOG OR ANIMAL TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT MAY HAVE RABIES. *If the animal dies or has been killed, its head shall be removed and sent immediately to the laboratory of the State Department of Health or the laboratory of the Livestock Sanitary Service of the State Department of Agriculture for examination.*

Any person refusing or failing to comply with the provisions of this section or with the orders or directives of the County OR CITY Health Officer relating thereto, shall

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.