

*lost, strayed or homeless animals, or confined to the premises of public or private hospitals devoted to the treatment of sick animals or to a dog being owned by a non-resident of the County and confined temporarily at a licensed boarding kennel.*

*This Act shall not apply to "Seeing Eye" dogs properly trained to assist blind persons.*

*200N. (Dog License Commission's Power to Make Regulations and to Delegate Authority.) The Dog License Commission shall have the power to make, adopt or enforce from time to time, in their discretion, all necessary rules, regulations, and provisions for the sale of licenses, the keeping of records and the convenient and effective enforcement of this Act with power to delegate by written contract such enforcement and administration of its various provisions, provided, however, that in any such contract it reserves the right to cancel, without previous notice or recourse, such delegation for stated cause or on thirty days' notice without cause. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL REGULATIONS ADOPTED SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL, AND AT THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT ITS BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS FOR AN AUDIT TO BE PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND A COPY OF SAID AUDIT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.*

*200-O. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this sub-title shall for any reason be adjudged by a court to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or part involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.*

*(Kennel Inspection and Regulation.) The Dog License Commission, or its warden, or peace officer and/or police officer within their respective jurisdictions, may at any time inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel and if, in their or his judgment, the same is not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner, or if records are not properly kept as required by law, the Dog License Commission shall by order revoke or suspend, and in case of suspension reinstate, such license. Upon the petition of twenty-five citizens, residing within a one (1) mile radius of a Dog Kennel, setting forth that they are aggrieved, or annoyed to an unreasonable extent, by one or more dogs at a kennel maintained within a one mile radius of such kennel, because of the excessive barking or vicious disposition of said dogs or other conditions connected with such kennel constituting a public nuisance, the Dog License Commission shall within seven days after the date of such notice. Within seven days after such public hearing said Dog License Commission shall make an order either revoking or suspending such kennel license or otherwise regulating said kennel, or dismissing said petition.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Section 200 through Section 207, inclusive, of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), be and they are hereby repealed in so far as they apply to Baltimore County and any other laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.*