

CHAPTER 545

(House Bill 844)

AN ACT to add Sections 202 (e) and 202 (f) to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the Counties", to follow immediately after Section 202 (d) thereof, relating to the taking and disposal of dogs running at large in Allegany County and authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County to provide for a humane officer or officers in said county and the custody and destruction of dogs found running at large, and also providing for the sale and issue of dog licenses within said county by the County Treasurer and any humane officer or officers appointed hereunder.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 202 (e) and 202 (f) be and they are hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the Counties", to follow immediately after Section 202 (d) thereof, and to read as follows:

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(e) In Allegany County, dog licenses shall be sold by the County Treasurer at the Court House. The County Treasurer is also authorized and empowered in his discretion to provide for the sale and issue of dog licenses by a humane officer or officers, as hereinafter provided for, at such other place or places within said county, including private business establishments, as he may in his discretion deem wise. The County Treasurer shall keep a permanent account of all sales of dog licenses in Allegany County, which said account shall include the number of licenses sold, the persons to whom sold, the full amount of the fees collected therefor, the name and address of the owner of the dog so licensed and a brief description of each dog so licensed.

(f) The Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County are hereby authorized and empowered to employ a humane officer or officers at such salary as they may determine. The humane officer or officers are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and issue dog licenses, as hereinbefore provided, and to take into custody any dog found running at large and unattended within the limits of Allegany County. Every such animal found running at large within the limits of said county shall be seized and detained by such humane officer or officers in a suitable place to be provided by the said Board of County Commissioners. If any such dog has upon its neck a collar containing the name and address of the owner, the humane officers shall notify the owner within 24 hours after said seizure; if the owner's name and address are not upon the dog's collar, but if such dog has upon its neck the number of the legally required license for the then cur-

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.