

THE AREA TO BE SERVED, AS CHEAPER RATES TO CONSUMERS WOULD RESULT; THEREFORE

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1956 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "What Shall be Taxed and Where", said new section to be known as Section 8 (43), to follow immediately after Section 8 (42) thereof, and to read as follows:

*8.(43) Every artificial barrier, commonly called a dam, which may be constructed across ~~any navigable waterway~~ THE POTOMAC RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE MONOCACY RIVER IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY within the State by the ~~Potomac Electric Power Company.~~ ANY ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved March 21, 1957.

CHAPTER 296

(Senate Bill 144)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 76 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Cruelty to Animals", defining the word "court" as used in said section to include "magistrate", and providing that said magistrates shall have jurisdiction to hear violations therein. REMOVING FROM SAID SECTION THE WORDS "IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 76 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Cruelty to Animals", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

76. Cruelty of any kind to animals a misdemeanor.

Any person who wilfully sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, or by any act, conduct, neglect or omission wilfully causes, permits or suffers any animal to undergo any species of torture or cruelty, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both, ; ~~in the discretion of the court. The word "court" as used in this section shall include "magistrates" and said magistrates shall have jurisdiction to hear and act upon any violations of this section.~~

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.