

jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred dollars.

(c) Three hundred dollars in certain counties.—In all cases of the types mentioned in subsection (a) of this section which involve amounts not exceeding \$300.00, trial magistrates of Calvert, Carroll [and], Frederick and Garrett counties shall have civil jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved March 23, 1961.

CHAPTER 168

(House Bill 136)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 70 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Cruelty to Animals", and to add a new Section 70A thereto, to follow immediately after said Section 70, eliminating Harford County from the present law relating to the control of female dogs in heat, and enacting a new section relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 70 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Cruelty to Animals", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new section 70A be and the same is hereby added to said Article to follow immediately after Section 70 thereof, all to read as follows:

70. Allowing female dog in heat to run at large in certain counties.

In Cecil, Dorchester, Howard [Harford] and Wicomico counties, it shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of a female dog while in oestrus or in a condition commonly known as "in heat" or "in season" to knowingly allow the same to run at large. Every person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars. Provided further that in Cecil, Dorchester and Wicomico counties the owner or custodian of said female dog shall keep said female dog confined during said period aforementioned.

70A. *Allowing female dog in heat to run at large in Harford County.*

In Harford County the owner of any female dog who allows it, while in oestrus or a condition commonly known as "in heat" or "in season", to be out of doors either loose or on a leash, shall be guilty

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.