

*Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per year for each commissioner.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.*

Approved April 30, 1963.

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CHAPTER 705

(House Bill 675)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 70 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Cruelty to Animals," and to add new Section 70B to said article and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 70A thereof, altering the provisions of the law relating to allowing dogs to run at large while in heat insofar as such laws relate to Howard County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 70 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Cruelty to Animals," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that new Section 70B be and it is hereby added to said article and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 70A thereof, and all to read as follows:*

70.

In Cecil, Dorchester, [Howard] 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.

70B.

*In Howard County the owner or custodian of an unspayed female dog shall be required to confine it adequately when in oestrus or in a condition commonly known as "in heat." Adequate confinement is understood to mean—beginning soon enough and continuing long enough (this period is generally accepted to be twenty-one days), and made secure enough to provide protection from contact with ~~adventurous~~ ROAMING dogs, the attraction of dogs to the premises, and/or the migration of dogs.*

*Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.*

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