

made and to determine the compensation of the wardens, to authorize the imposition of penalties for violation of such rules and regulations, to authorize restrictions upon dogs running at large in Charles County, to relate generally to the control of animals in Charles County, and to correct an error therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 191 (g) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Licenses," subtitle "Dog Licenses in the Counties," be and it is hereby repealed; that new Section 191 (g) be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed; that Sections 194 (e), (f), and (i) of said Article, title and subtitle of said edition of the Code, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that new Section 194 (j) be and it is hereby added thereto, to follow immediately after Section 194 (i) thereof, and all to read as follows:

191.

*(g) In Charles County the fee for dogs shall be determined by the County Commissioners of the county.*

194.

(e) The boards of county commissioners of [Allegany County and Carroll County] *Allegany, Charles and Carroll counties* are hereby authorized and empowered, in order to safeguard the health, safety and public welfare of the residents of [Allegany and Carroll] *such counties* to pass rules, regulations or resolutions for the purpose of carrying out the powers hereinafter granted, provided that such rules, regulations or resolutions shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion contained herein, and shall operate uniformly. The said rules, regulations or resolutions shall provide for the sale of dog licenses in said county, the keeping of records of all sales, the designation of persons authorized to sell such licenses, the taking into custody and disposition of any dogs found running at large within the limits of [Allegany or Carroll counties] *such county* with power to delegate by written contract the enforcement of such rules, regulations or resolutions, provided, however, in any such contract said boards of county commissioners shall reserve the right to cancel, without notice or recourse, such delegation for stated cause or on thirty days notice without cause. Before the county commissioners shall proceed to enforce any rule, regulation or resolution, passed in pursuance of the provisions of this section, advertisement of such rule, regulation or resolution shall be made in some newspaper [published in Allegany or Carroll] *of general circulation published in such county [as the case may be]* once each week for four (4) successive weeks, in order to provide any person, firm or corporation adversely affected thereby an opportunity to be heard by the county commissioners in opposition to the adoption of such rule, regulation or resolution. The said boards of county commissioners are further authorized and empowered to enter into a contract with [the Animal Welfare Society of Allegany County, Inc., or the Carroll County Humane Society, Inc., as the case may be] *any animal welfare or humane society* of any other individual, association or corporation specially qualified for the purposes hereinafter set forth, for the establishment of a dog pound, and for the collection, disposition and destruction of