

cut and remove such briars, undergrowth, bushes and weeds in the same manner as debts of like amounts are recoverable.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved April 29, 1966.

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CHAPTER 333

(House Bill 333)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 59 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title and subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Cruelty to Animals," to increase the penalties for the offense of cruelty to animals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 59 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title and subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Cruelty to Animals," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

59.

Any person who wilfully sets feet, 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]~~ \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed ~~90 days~~ ~~one year~~, or both.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved April 29, 1966.

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CHAPTER 334

(House Bill 456)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 37(o) (2) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1964 Supplement~~) (1964 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1965 SUPPLEMENT), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "~~Montgomery County~~," "COMPENSATION AND DUTIES," to make deputy sheriffs in Montgomery County subject to budget limitations and regulations of the County Personnel Board and to provide for the election by deputies appointed prior to June 1, 1966, to serve subject to this amendment or subject to prior law.