

ties", to change the remedies available in Harford County for handling and disposal of dangerous dogs and the applicability of penalties provided by law for violations of laws regulating dangerous dogs in the county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 194 (1) (2) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Licenses", subtitle "Dog Licenses in the Counties", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

194 (1) (2).

It is unlawful in Harford County for any person to own or keep a dog which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood in an inhabited area, or which is vicious and bites any person. Upon the sworn complaint before the People's Court of Harford County of any two or more persons of different households alleging that a dog disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood in an inhabited area of Harford County, or upon the sworn complaint of any one or more persons that a dog is vicious and has bitten any person, a summons shall issue to the owner or keeper of such dog to appear before the People's Court. Upon proof that the dog disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood in an inhabited area, or is vicious and has bitten any person, the owner or keeper [shall] *may* be required to deliver up the offending dog to be killed in the most humane manner possible unless he removes the dog permanently from the neighborhood. If the owner or keeper is required to deliver up the dog to be killed or to remove it as aforesaid, and he refuses or fails to do so, then it is the duty of any police officer or any duly empowered agent on behalf of the county to seize the dog wherever it may be found and to cause it to be killed in the most humane manner possible. *The court may order the dog restrained or enter such other appropriate order as the case may require.* Any owner failing to comply with the provisions of this paragraph *or a court order entered thereunder* is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, the barking of hunting dogs in pursuit of game shall not be considered a disturbance of the public peace for the purposes hereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved March 24, 1967.

CHAPTER 27

(Senate Bill 547)

AN ACT to repeal Section 97(c) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," and to enact a new Section 97(c) in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the Section so