

59.

【Any person who wilfully 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 torture or cruelty shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both.】

Any person who (1) overdrives, overloads, deprives of necessary sustenance, tortures, torments, cruelly beats, mutilates or cruelly kills; or (2) causes, procures, OR authorizes, requests or encourages these acts; or (3) having the charge or custody of an animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts unnecessary suffering or pain upon the animal, or unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper food, drink, air, light, space, shelter or protection from the weather, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both.

62.

【The words “torture or cruelty” shall be held to include everything whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted.】 *The words “torture,” “torment,” and “cruelty” means every act, omission, or neglect whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or suffering is caused or permitted, and the word “animal” [shall be held to include] means every living creature except [men] man.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 31, 1972.

CHAPTER 720

(House Bill 1025)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 700A through 700E, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title “Crimes and Punishments,” subtitle “III. Places of Reformation and Punishment,” subheading “Division of Correction,” to provide that prisoners be permitted work release and other leave privileges both within and without this State and to make certain corrections.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 700A through and including Section 700E of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title “Crimes and Punishments,” subtitle, “III. Places of Reformation and Punishment,” subheading “Division of Correction,” be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and all to read as follows:*