

BILL NO. 70

AN ACT to enlarge the powers of the County Dog Wardens, to transfer certain duties of the Dog License Commission to said Dog Wardens, and to reflect the change over from trial magistrates to district courts, by repealing and re-enacting with amendments Sections 3-8, 3-15 (a), 3-17 (b) (c) and (d), 3-19 (a), 3-20, 3-21 (b), 3-24, 3-25, 3-30 (a) and (c) of the Baltimore County Code, 1968, title "Animals" Article I. Dogs, by adding new Subsection (e) to Section 3-17 of said Code, Title and Article, and by repealing Section 3-25 of said Code, Title and Article and enacting a new Section 3-25 in lieu thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland,* That Section 3-8 of the Baltimore County Code, 1968, Title "Animals," Article I. Dogs, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows :

Section 3-8. Same—Executive Secretary and other personnel; powers of dog wardens.

The county administrative officer, subject to the approval of the county executive, shall appoint an executive secretary at a rate of compensation to be fixed by the county executive, and such other employees as the dog license commission may deem necessary, the compensation of such employees to be determined by the county executive. The executive secretary, subject to the approval of the county executive and the dog license commission, shall appoint dog wardens as deemed appropriate for the execution and enforcement of this article. Such dog wardens, when appointed and after taking an oath of office before the clerk of the circuit court for the county, shall have the following duties, responsibilities and authority: They shall possess and exercise all the authority and powers held or exercised by constables at common law and under the statutes of this state and also all authority and power conferred by law upon policemen of the county as far as issuing summonses *and warrants* for violating any provisions of this law, and such other duties as set forth hereinafter in this law.

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted,* that Subsection (a) of said Section 3-15 of the Baltimore County Code, 1968, title "Animals," Article I. Dogs, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows :

Section 3-15. Penalties for violating Sections 3-10 and 3-11 of this Code.

(a) Any person refusing to comply with any of the provisions of sections 3-10 and 3-11 of this Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any [trial magistrate] *district court* of the county or in the circuit court for the county, shall be subjected to a minimum fine of not less than five dollars, and not more than twenty-five dollars, or shall be imprisoned in the county