

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Chapter 14

Bill No. 29-71

AN ACT to amend Chapter 76, title "Animals and Fowl," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, the title and subsection (d) of Section 76-62, title "Minimum standards for the housing and care of animals," to prohibit the sale in any pet shop or kennel in Montgomery County of any animal which is known to have or suspected of having a disease contagious or communicable to humans.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, That the title and subsection (d) of Section 76-62 of Chapter 76, title "Animals and Fowl," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

76-62. Minimum standards for the housing, care and sale of animals.

(d) Disease or illness. Any animal which exhibits symptoms of disease or illness shall be separated to the greatest extent possible from other healthy animals. Any animal confined for either diagnostic observation or treatment of disease or illness shall likewise be separated from healthy animals. No animal which is known to have, or may reasonably be suspected of having, a disease contagious or communicable to humans may be offered for sale by any duly licensed pet shop or kennel.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Emergency.

The County Council hereby declares that an emergency exists and that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of public health and safety. Therefore, this Act shall take effect on the date on which it becomes law.