

by an attack by a dog or dogs, shall receive an award paid out of the dog license fund if the owner of the dog or dogs cannot be determined; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 194(j)(1) and 198
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

194.

(j) (1) The county commissioners of Caroline and Worcester counties are hereby authorized and empowered, in order to safeguard the health, safety and public welfare of the residents of these counties to adopt rules and regulations, by resolution [and/]or ordinance, for the purpose of carrying out the powers hereinafter granted, provided that [such] THE rules and regulations shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion contained therein, and shall operate uniformly. The [said] rules and regulations shall provide for the sale of dog licenses in [said] THESE counties, the keeping of records of all sales, the designation of persons authorized to sell [such] licenses and taking into custody and disposition of any dog running at large within the limits of these counties, with power to delegate by written contract for the enforcement of [such] THE rules and regulations provided, however, that in any [such] contract, the county commissioners shall reserve the right to cancel, without notice or recourse, [such] THE delegation for stated cause or on thirty days notice without cause. Before the county commissioners shall proceed to enforce any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, advertisement of a summary of [such] THE rule, regulation, resolution or ordinance shall be made in some newspaper published in the county once each week for two successive weeks in order to provide any person, firm or corporation adversely affected thereby an opportunity to be heard by the county commissioners in opposition to the adoption of [such] THE rule, regulation, resolution or ordinance. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 197 of this article, the county commissioners may in their discretion use all or any part of the dog license tax for the establishment AND MAINTENANCE of a pound, and for the collection, CARE, or destruction of dogs. The county commissioners are further authorized and empowered[, hereby,] to appoint dog wardens and to provide compensation