

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 10, 1983.

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CHAPTER 82

(Senate Bill 85)

AN ACT concerning

Cruelty to Animals - Cockfighting

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from owning, using, or permitting any bird, fowl, or cock to be used for purposes of cockfighting, prohibiting a person from obtaining or permitting certain structures or premises to be used for cockfighting, providing for the seizure and disposition of animals seized in the course of an investigation into a possible violation of this Act, holding certain persons not liable for their actions in carrying out the provisions of this Act, providing certain penalties, making certain acts separate offenses under this Act, holding violators of this Act liable for certain costs involved in the seizure and treatment of certain animals, and generally relating to prohibiting cockfighting in this State.

BY adding to

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 59B 59  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

59B-

~~(A) -- A PERSON MAY NOT~~

~~(1) -- OWN, POSSESS, HAVE, USE, KEEP, OR PERMIT ANY BIRD, FOWL, OR COCK TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING WITH ANY OTHER ANIMAL, WHICH IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS COCKFIGHTING, OR~~