

may be satisfied by either a metal tag or a surgically implanted microchip; excluding Talbot County from a provision of law specifying requirements for dog tags; and generally relating to requirements for dog and kennel licenses and dog tags in Talbot County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 11-501 and 11-503

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

11-501.

(a) Except in Carroll County, Cecil County, Montgomery County, Howard County, TALBOT COUNTY, and Washington County, on or before the first day of July of each year, the owner of any dog, six months old or over, shall apply either orally or in writing, to the county treasurer or to the tax collecting officer in said county for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him, and such application shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each male dog or each spayed female dog, and a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each unspayed female dog, and provided that kennel license shall be issued for ten dollars (\$10.00) to persons owning or keeping not in excess of twenty-five dogs and that a kennel license fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be issued to persons keeping more than twenty-five dogs. The said license or fee shall be the only license or tax required for the ownership or keeping of said dog or dogs. Such license shall be issued on a form prepared and supplied by the county commissioners. Such license shall be dated and numbered, and shall contain a description of the dog licensed. Except in Carroll County, Cecil County, Montgomery County, Howard County, TALBOT COUNTY, and Washington County, all licenses shall be void upon the first day of July of the following year. The county commissioners shall also furnish, and the county treasurer, or tax collecting officer issuing the license, shall issue, with each license, a metal tag. Such tag shall be affixed to a substantial collar. The collar shall be furnished by the owner, and with the tag attached shall at all times be kept on the dog for which the license is issued, except when confined in the kennel or when hunting in charge of an attendant.

(b) In Calvert County the fees for dog licenses shall be determined by the County Commissioners. However, before establishing or altering any license fee, the Calvert County Commissioners shall advertise the proposed fee for 2 consecutive weeks in at least 2 newspapers of general circulation in Calvert County. All dog licenses will expire on June 30. Any license valid on July 1, 1973, shall remain valid through June 30, 1974.

(c) In Harford County all applications for licenses under the provisions of this section shall be made on or before the thirty-first day of December of each year and all licenses issued shall be void upon the thirty-first day of December of the following