

~~(ii) state the maximum amount of contributions to the approved project that are eligible for a tax credit under § 6-404 of this subtitle.~~

~~(3) The sum of contributions eligible for a tax credit under § 6-404 of this subtitle for all approved projects for a fiscal year may not exceed [\$2,000,000] \$5,000,000.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006.

Approved May 16, 2006.

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**CHAPTER 448**

**(House Bill 11)**

AN ACT concerning

**Crimes - Inflicting Unnecessary Suffering or Pain on Animals - Prohibition**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from inflicting unnecessary suffering or pain on an animal; repealing the requirement that a person have charge or custody of an animal, as owner or otherwise, to be prosecuted for inflicting unnecessary suffering or pain on an animal; *providing for the construction of this Act*; and generally relating to the infliction of unnecessary suffering or pain on animals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 10-604

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

**Article - Criminal Law**

10-604.

(a) A person may not:

- (1) overdrive or overload an animal;
- (2) deprive an animal of necessary sustenance;
- (3) INFLICT UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR PAIN ON AN ANIMAL;

[(3)] (4) cause, procure, or authorize an act prohibited under [item (1) or item (2)] ITEM (1), (2), OR (3) of this subsection; or