

[(4)] (5) if the person has charge or custody of an animal, as owner or otherwise[:

(i) inflict unnecessary suffering or pain on the animal; or

(ii) ], unnecessarily fail to provide the animal with nutritious food in sufficient quantity, necessary veterinary care, proper drink, air, space, shelter, or protection from the weather.

(b) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

(2) As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant convicted of violating this section to participate in and pay for psychological counseling.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That this Act may not be construed to apply to lawful hunting or lawful trapping.

SECTION ~~2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 16, 2006.

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CHAPTER 449

(House Bill 36)

AN ACT concerning

~~Baltimore City Compulsory Public School Attendance Increased Age Range Task Force to Study Increasing the Age Range for Compulsory School Attendance in Maryland Education - Task Force to Study Raising the Compulsory Public School Attendance Age to 18~~

~~FOR the purpose of increasing the age range for compulsory public school attendance in Baltimore City; requiring certain persons with legal custody or care and control of certain children who reside in Baltimore City and who are between certain ages to see that the children attend school as required; requiring the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, to study over a certain number of years the impact of an increased age range for compulsory public school attendance in Baltimore City; requiring the State Board to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date that includes certain information; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to an increased age for compulsory school attendance in Baltimore City establishing the Task Force to Study Increasing the Age Range for Compulsory School Attendance in~~