

(I) IN THE CASE OF THE DEATH OF A PET, THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PET BEFORE DEATH AND THE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY COST OF VETERINARY CARE; AND

(II) IN THE CASE OF AN INJURY TO A PET, THE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY COST OF VETERINARY CARE.

(3) (I) "PET" means a domesticated animal.

[(2)] (II) "Pet" does not include livestock.

(b) (1) [The measure of damages for tortious injuries to or death of a pet is the market value of the pet before the injury or death or the reasonable cost of veterinary care, but not more than \$5,000 if such charge is greater] A PERSON WHO TORTIOUSLY CAUSES AN INJURY TO OR DEATH OF A PET WHILE ACTING INDIVIDUALLY OR THROUGH AN ANIMAL UNDER THE PERSON'S DIRECTION OR CONTROL IS LIABLE TO THE OWNER OF THE PET FOR COMPENSATORY DAMAGES.

(2) THE DAMAGES AWARDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED ~~\$10,000~~ \$7,500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any cause of action that arises before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 251

(House Bill 942)

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law - Altering the Outcome of a Drug or Alcohol Screening Test -
Substituting Other Substance**

FOR the purpose of including, in the crime of altering the outcome of a certain drug or alcohol screening test, the prohibition against the substitution, in whole or in part, of any other substance for the bodily fluid sample to be tested; and generally relating to the crime of altering the outcome of a drug or alcohol screening test.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 10-111(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland