

(4) AFTER THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REQUESTS ADJUDICATION, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL SCHEDULE THE CASE FOR TRIAL AND SUMMON THE DEFENDANT TO APPEAR.

(H) IN A PROCEEDING BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT, A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE PROSECUTED IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME EXTENT AS A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION UNDER ARTICLE 23A, § 3(B)(7) THROUGH (15) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

(I) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, OR ANOTHER ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

(J) IF THE DISTRICT COURT FINDS THAT A PERSON HAS COMMITTED A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE, THE PERSON SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE COSTS OF THE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 12, 2005.

CHAPTER 72

(House Bill 906)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Alarm Systems

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to adopt regulations to register alarm system contractors and alarm users, provide penalties for certain violations, provide for the issuance of civil citations for certain violations, provide exemptions from the issuance of certain civil citations and penalties, and authorize the designated county enforcement agency to keep certain records and inform certain persons of a pattern of false alarms; providing that certain provisions relating to alarm systems do not apply in Washington County under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of certain regulations; requiring the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to report certain information by a certain date for certain county enforcement agencies to the Washington County legislative delegation; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the regulation of alarm systems in Washington County.

BY adding to

Article 25 – County Commissioners

Section 236E

Annotated Code of Maryland