

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

Article - Health - General

18-313.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide a statewide system:

(1) To control rabies;

(2) To grant authority to the public health veterinarian and the local health officer in matters pertaining to the disposition of animals that bite or otherwise expose rabies to an individual;

(3) ~~TO REIMBURSE THE LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISPOSITION~~ ASSIST LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS REGARDING THE LABORATORY TESTING OF RABID ANIMALS;

[(3)] (4) To treat each individual who is exposed or suspected of having been exposed to rabies; and

[(4)] (5) To distribute, in accordance with the conditions set by the Secretary of Agriculture, the biological products that are needed to prevent and treat rabies.

Article - Natural Resources

10-202.

(A) The Secretary is responsible for conservation and management of wildlife and wildlife resources of the State.

(B) ~~THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE A STATEWIDE SYSTEM TO REIMBURSE A LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISPOSITION OF WILDLIFE~~ FOR A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF WILD ANIMALS. ASSISTANCE MAY INCLUDE FIELD SERVICES, TRAINING, OR PAYMENT TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE CONTROL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES AND PLANS AGREED TO BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

May 27, 1986

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg
President of the Senate
State House