

(4) The Board may waive the requirements of this subsection if a person can show just cause why that person is not able to meet the requirements.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~1986~~ 1987.

Approved April 29, 1986.

CHAPTER 203

(House Bill 406)

AN ACT concerning

Dogfighting - Criminal Penalty

FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for any person who uses or permits a dog to be used in or arranges or conducts a dogfight ~~from a misdemeanor to a felony~~.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 59
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

59.

Any person who (1) overdrives, overloads, deprives of necessary sustenance, tortures, torments, cruelly beats, mutilates or cruelly kills; or (2) causes, procures or authorizes these acts; or (3) having the charge or custody of an animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts unnecessary suffering or pain upon the animal, or unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with nutritious food in sufficient quantity, necessary veterinary care, proper drink, air, space, shelter or protection from the weather; [or (4) uses or permits a dog to be used in, arranges or conducts a dogfight;] or [(5)] (4) uses or permits to be used any bird, fowl, or cock for the purpose of fighting with any other animal, which is commonly known as cockfighting, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both. ANY PERSON WHO USES OR PERMITS A DOG TO BE USED IN OR ARRANGES OR CONDUCTS A