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CHAPTER 287

(Senate Bill 265)

AN ACT concerning

Veterinarians and Commercial Boarding Kennel Operators -
24-Hour Supervision - Notice

FOR the purpose of requiring a veterinarian or a commercial boarding kennel operator to provide reasonable written notification to an animal owner, ~~by using a certain means~~; that the veterinarian or operator does not provide a certain service; defining a certain term; and providing for a certain penalty.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law
Section 11-905
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article - Commercial Law

11-905.

(A) IN THIS SECTION "PREMISES" MEANS THE LAND AND THE STRUCTURES ERECTED ON IT WHICH ARE USED FOR THE COMMERCIAL BOARDING OF ANIMALS.

~~(A)~~ (B) A VETERINARIAN, AS DEFINED IN ~~§-2-301(G)~~ § 2-301(H) OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE, OR A COMMERCIAL BOARDING KENNEL OPERATOR WHO DOES NOT PROVIDE 24-HOUR SUPERVISION BY A PERSON PHYSICALLY ON THE PREMISES TO AN ANIMAL UNDER THE CARE OR CUSTODY OF THE VETERINARIAN OR THE COMMERCIAL BOARDING KENNEL OPERATOR SHALL PROVIDE REASONABLE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL BY--POSTING-A-SIGN-IN-CLEAR-VIEW ADVISING OWNERS ~~THE OWNER~~ OF THE LACK OF 24-HOUR SUPERVISION.

~~(B)~~ (C) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, OR ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$50, IN AN ACTION IN ANY DISTRICT COURT IN THE STATE.