

Commissioners of Carroll County to regulate certain hybrids of domestic or wild animals; and prohibiting the County Commissioners from regulating or controlling wild animals that are not owned or kept by people.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 200A to be under the amended subtitle "Regulation of Animals"

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Preamble

WHEREAS, Some residents of Carroll County are keeping in captivity wolves and other naturally wild animals in Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners are authorized by law to regulate dogs and other domestic animals, but are not authorized to regulate wild and exotic animals held in captivity; and

WHEREAS, Before a tragedy occurs, it is necessary to place some controls on this dangerous activity; now, therefore,

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

Article 56 - Licenses

Regulation of [Domestic] Animals

200A.

(A) In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under this article, the County Commissioners of Carroll County, by ordinance, may provide for a comprehensive system for the regulation of domestic animals, including dogs, AND WILD ANIMALS HELD IN CAPTIVITY, within the county, including licensing and control.

(B) These regulations may include:

(1) [provisions] PROVISIONS for the impoundment and disposal of unlicensed or dangerous dogs;

(2) [and may include provisions] PROVISIONS for the regulation of persons who own or keep [dogs] ANY ANIMAL which [disturb] DISTURBS the peace and quiet of a neighborhood, or which [are] IS vicious; and