

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions - Pets - Damages

FOR the purpose of ~~setting the~~ measure establishing a certain method for the measurement of damages for an injured pet ~~at the greater of the pet's market value before the injury or the reasonable cost of veterinary care;~~ and defining a term.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 11-110  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

11-110.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION "PET" MEANS A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ~~KEPT FOR PLEASURE RATHER THAN UTILITY.~~

(2) "PET" DOES NOT INCLUDE LIVESTOCK.

(B) THE MEASURE OF DAMAGES FOR TORTIOUS INJURIES TO A PET IS THE MARKET VALUE OF THE PET BEFORE THE INJURY OR THE REASONABLE COST OF VETERINARY CARE, ~~WHICHEVER IS GREATER~~ BUT NOT MORE THAN \$2,500 IF SUCH CHARGE IS GREATER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

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