

**CHAPTER 472**

**(House Bill 691)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Licensing of Dogs and Kennels**

FOR the purpose of exempting Washington County from certain provisions of law relating to licensing of dogs and kennels; repealing certain provisions of law relating to dog licenses that apply to Washington County; and generally relating to the licensing of dogs and kennels in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 11-501(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 11-501(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 25 – County Commissioners

Section 236A

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

**Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

11-501.

(a) Except in Carroll County, Montgomery County [and], Howard County, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, on or before the first day of July of each year, the owner of any dog, six months old or over, shall apply either orally or in writing, to the county treasurer or to the tax collecting officer in said county for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him, and such application shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each male dog or each spayed female dog, and a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each unspayed female dog, and provided that kennel license shall be issued for ten dollars (\$10.00) to persons owning or keeping not in excess of twenty-five dogs and that a kennel license fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be issued to persons keeping more than twenty-five dogs. The said license or fee shall be the only license or tax required for the ownership or keeping of said dog or dogs. Such license shall be issued on a form prepared and supplied