2001 LAWS OF MARYLAND

- $\,$ (IV) $\,$ WITH THE CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL, AS OWNER OR OTHERWISE:
- 1. INFLICT UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR PAIN ON THE ANIMAL; OR
- 2. UNNECESSARILY FAIL TO PROVIDE THE ANIMAL WITH NUTRITIOUS FOOD IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY, NECESSARY VETERINARY CARE, PROPER DRINK, AIR, SPACE, SHELTER, OR PROTECTION FROM THE WEATHER, OR
- (V) KNOWINGLY ATTEND A DELIBERATELY CONDUCTED DOGFIGHT AS A SPECTATOR.
- (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:
- (I) IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 90 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH; AND
- (II) PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING, AS A CONDITION OF SENTENCING, THAT IS TO BE PAID FOR BY THE DEFENDANT.
 - (C) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT:
- (I) INTENTIONALLY MUTILATE, TORTURE, CRUELLY BEAT, OR CRUELLY KILL AN ANIMAL,
- (II) CAUSE, PROCURE, OR AUTHORIZE AN ACT DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;
- (III) USE OR ALLOW A DOG TO BE USED IN OR ARRANGE OR CONDUCT A DOGFIGHT:
- (IV) USE OR ALLOW TO BE USED A BIRD, FOWL, OR COCK TO FIGHT WITH ANOTHER ANIMAL, COMMONLY KNOWN AS COCKFIGHTING: OR
- (V) EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF SELF-DEFENSE, INTENTIONALLY INFLICT BODILY HARM, PERMANENT DISABILITY, OR DEATH ON AN ANIMAL OWNED OR USED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT.
- (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF THE FELONY OF AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:
- (I) IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH; AND
- (II) PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING, AS A CONDITION OF SENTENCE, THAT IS TO BE PAID FOR BY THE DEFENDANT.
 - (D) . (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO: