

(I) ENTER THE PLACE WHERE THE ANIMAL IS LOCATED AND SUPPLY THE ANIMAL WITH NECESSARY FOOD, WATER, AND ATTENTION; OR

(II) REMOVE THE ANIMAL IF REMOVAL IS NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH OF THE ANIMAL.

(2) A PERSON WHO ENTERS A PLACE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT LIABLE BECAUSE OF THE ENTRY.

(D) NOTIFICATION TO OWNER

(1) A PERSON WHO REMOVES AN ANIMAL UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE ANIMAL'S OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF:

(I) THE REMOVAL; AND

(II) ANY ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN.

(2) IF AN ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN MAY FILE A PETITION FOR THE RETURN OF THE ANIMAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE REMOVAL OCCURRED WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE REMOVAL.

(E) STRAY.

AN ANIMAL IS CONSIDERED A STRAY IF:

(1) AN OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF THE ANIMAL WAS NOTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION AND FAILED TO FILE A PETITION WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER REMOVAL; OR

(2) THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF THE ANIMAL IS UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED BY REASONABLE EFFORT FOR 20 DAYS TO DETERMINE THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN.

(F) LIMITATIONS.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT ALLOW:

(1) ENTRY INTO A PRIVATE DWELLING; OR

(2) REMOVAL OF A FARM ANIMAL WITHOUT THE PRIOR RECOMMENDATION OF A VETERINARIAN LICENSED IN THE STATE.

(G) LOCAL ENFORCEMENT -- BALTIMORE COUNTY.

IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT THE BALTIMORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT APPROVES SHALL ENFORCE THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 67.

The Criminal Law Article Review Committee notes, for the consideration