

~~(F)~~ (D) THE UNIT OF PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS BASED ON THE ARREST OR DETENTION REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE ARREST OR DETENTION.

~~(G) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, IT IS NOT A DEFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT THE ARREST OR DETENTION OR ATTEMPTED ARREST OR DETENTION WAS UNLAWFUL OR THAT THE DEFENDANT REASONABLY BELIEVED THE ARREST OR DETENTION OR ATTEMPTED ARREST OR DETENTION TO BE UNLAWFUL.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.

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**CHAPTER 120**

**(Senate Bill 365)**

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law - Animal Cruelty - Dogfighting and Cockfighting**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly attending as a spectator a deliberately conducted event that uses a fowl, cock, or other bird to fight with another fowl, cock, or other bird; prohibiting a person from possessing, owning, selling, transporting, or training a dog or a fowl, cock, or other bird with the intent to use the animal for certain purposes; prohibiting a person from possessing certain implements or devices relating to a fowl, cock, or other bird fighting with another fowl, cock, or other bird under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from knowingly allowing certain premises to be used to conduct dogfights or fights between fowl, cocks, or other birds; prohibiting a person from arranging or conducting a dogfight or a fight in which a fowl, cock, or other bird fights another fowl, cock, or other bird; defining certain terms; authorizing a court to order psychological counseling under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to animal cruelty, dogfighting, and cockfighting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 10-605, 10-607, and 10-608

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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