

[(b)] (C) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of the felony of aggravated cruelty to animals and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

(2) As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant convicted of violating this section to participate in and pay for psychological counseling.

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

Approved April 27, 2004.

CHAPTER 122

(Senate Bill 394)

AN ACT concerning

State Employees - Military Administrative Leave - Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for the use of military administrative leave or certain paid leave for certain State employees who are on active military duty on a certain date or are activated for military duty on or after a certain date; and generally relating to military administrative leave for State employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 9-1107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 389 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003

Section 2

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

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

9-1107.

(a) This section applies to all employees, except temporary employees, of all units in the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches of State government, including any unit with an independent personnel system.

(b) Military administrative leave may be provided to an employee subject to this section who: