

generally relating to animal health enforcement by the Department of Agriculture.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 3-118 and 3-119

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

3-118.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AS TO:

(1) THE IDENTITY OF AN ANIMAL;

(2) THE LOCATION OF AN ANIMAL;

(3) THE PLACE OF ORIGIN OR DESTINATION OF AN ANIMAL; OR

(4) THE HEALTH STATUS OF AN ANIMAL, INCLUDING WHETHER AN ANIMAL IS INFECTED WITH OR HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO A CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION ON ANY REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OR PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION TO ANY PERSON COMPLETING ANY ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE, ANY LABORATORY REPORT, OR OTHER DOCUMENT PERTAINING TO THE HEALTH STATUS OF ANY ANIMAL.

(C) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY ALTER ANY ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE OR REPORT ISSUED BY A VETERINARIAN, ANY LABORATORY, ANY AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, ANY AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE SEVERAL STATES, U.S. TERRITORIES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR ANY SOVEREIGN NATION REGARDING THE