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(e) (1) The boards of county commissioners of Allegany, Charles, Frederick, St. Mary's and Carroll counties may, in order to safeguard the health, safety and public welfare of the residents of those counties pass rules, regulations or resolutions for the purpose of carrying out the powers hereinafter granted. The rules, regulations or resolutions shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion contained herein, and shall operate uniformly. The rules, regulations or resolutions shall provide for the sale of dog licenses in [said county] THESE COUNTIES, the keeping of records of all sales, the designation of persons authorized to sell [such] licenses, the taking into custody and disposition of any dogs found running at large within the limits of [such county] THESE COUNTIES with power to delegate by written contract the enforcement of [such] THE rules, regulations or resolutions, provided, however, in any [such] contract [said] THE boards of county commissioners shall reserve the right to cancel, without notice or recourse, the delegation for stated cause or on thirty days notice without cause. Before the county commissioners shall proceed to enforce any rule, regulation or resolution, passed in pursuance of the provisions of this section, advertisement of [such] THE rule, regulation or resolution shall be made in some newspaper of general circulation published in [such] THE county once each week for [four (4)] 4 successive weeks, in order to provide any person, firm or corporation adversely affected thereby an opportunity to be heard by the county commissioners in opposition to the adoption of [such] THE rule, regulation or resolution. The boards of county commissioners may also enter into a contract with any animal welfare or humane society or any other individual, association or corporation specially qualified for the purposes hereinafter set forth, for the establishment of a dog pound, and for the collection, disposition and destruction of stray, injured and sick dogs. Notwithstanding the provisions of [§ 195 of this article] § 11-507 OF THIS SUBTITLE, the county commissioners may use all or any part of the dog license tax for the establishment of [said] A pound, and for the collection or destruction of said dogs.

(j) (1) The county commissioners of Caroline and Worcester counties are hereby authorized and empowered, in order to safeguard the health, safety and public welfare of the residents of these counties to adopt rules and regulations, by resolution or ordinance, for the purpose of carrying out the powers hereinafter granted, provided that the rules and regulations shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion contained therein, and shall operate uniformly. The rules and regulations shall provide for the sale of dog licenses in these counties, the keeping of records of all sales, the designation of persons authorized to sell licenses and taking into custody and disposition of any dog running at large within the limits of these counties, with power to delegate by written contract for the enforcement of the rules and regulations provided, however, that in any contract, the county commissioners shall reserve the right to cancel, without notice or recourse, the delegation for stated cause or on thirty days notice without cause. Before the county commissioners shall proceed to enforce any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, advertisement of a summary of the rule, regulation, resolution or ordinance shall be made in some newspaper published in the county once each week for two successive weeks in order to provide any person, firm or corporation adversely affected thereby an opportunity to be heard by the county commissioners in opposition to the adoption of the rule, regulation, resolution or