

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 256 to 256U, inclusive, of Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Dogs", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 255 of the Acts of 1937, and as said sections were amended by Chapter 283 of the Acts of 1941, be and they are hereby repealed and that 22 new sections to be known as Sections 256 to 256U, inclusive, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

256. For the purpose of this sub-title, and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) the words "person" or "owner" includes individuals, co-partnerships, associations and corporations; the singular includes the plural; and the masculine, the feminine and neuter.

(b) The word "livestock" includes only horses and other draft animals, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and enclosed domestic rabbits and hares.

(c) The word "poultry" includes domestic fowl only.

(d) the words "owner" and "own" include any person having a right of property in a dog, and any person who keeps or harbors a dog or has it in his care or acts as custodian or permits it to remain on or about any premises occupied or controlled by him for more than two weeks.

(e) The word "kennel" means an enclosure wherein dogs are kept and from which they cannot escape.

(f) The words "peace officer" means any official either elective, appointive or ex-officio in a district or community having by virtue of his office authority under existing law to make an arrest.

(g) The word "warden", where used in this Act, shall refer to Dog Warden or society authorized and empowered to act in such capacity.

(h) The words "keeping" or "harboring" mean the act or sufferance either of feeding or sheltering a dog on the premises of the occupant or owner thereof.

(i) The word "country" means a woodland or farming district in rural parts beyond the limits of a community or settlement.

(j) The words "dogs living in a wild state" mean dogs that roam the woods and fields, prey on animals for food and have no domesticated home.

(k) The words "running at large" mean not under the immediate control while off the premises of its owner.

256A. (Creation of a Department for the Supervision and Licensing of Dogs, and Authority to Appoint Dog Wardens.) The Board of County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County