

animals after a certain time after notice; providing for the payment of certain costs; defining a certain term; providing a penalty; and generally relating to the identification of the owners of domestic animals.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 67B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

67B.

(A) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PROCEDURES, AN IMPOUNDED DOMESTICATED ANIMAL MAY NOT BE SOLD, DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF BY AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY UNTIL:

(1) THE ANIMAL HAS BEEN CAREFULLY INSPECTED FOR A TAG, TATTOO, OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION TO ASCERTAIN THE OWNER;

(2) THE OWNER IS NOTIFIED IF HIS IDENTITY ~~IS~~ MAY REASONABLY BE ASCERTAINED BY THE INSPECTION;

(3) 72 HOURS AFTER NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE OWNER ~~HAS BEEN GIVEN.~~

(B) THE OWNER SHALL PAY ALL FEES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES REQUIRED INCURRED BY THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY.

(C) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY" MEANS THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OR AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BODY TO HOUSE, CARE FOR, AND CONTROL DOMESTIC ANIMALS OF UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP.

(D) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 29, 1978.