

(c) (1) A commissioner shall receive applications and determine probable cause for the issuance of charging documents.

(2) [He] A COMMISSIONER shall advise arrested persons of their constitutional rights, set bond or commit persons to jail in default of bond or release them on personal recognizance if circumstances warrant, and conduct investigations and inquiries into the circumstances of any matter presented to him in order to determine if probable cause exists for the issuance of a charging document, warrant, or criminal summons and, in general, perform all the functions of committing magistrates as exercised by the justices of the peace prior to July 5, 1971.

(3) There shall be in each county, at all times, one or more commissioners available for the convenience of the public and police in obtaining charging documents, warrants, or criminal summonses and to advise arrested persons of their rights as required by law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~1984~~ 1985.

Approved May 29, 1984.

CHAPTER 528

(Senate Bill 299)

AN ACT concerning

Cruelty to Animals

FOR the purpose of clarifying the intention of the General Assembly that certain provisions of law relating to cruelty to animals apply to all animals however owned or unowned, if used for scientific or medical activities, however funded; prohibiting animals in specific facilities from being removed without certain prior review and approval; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct certain investigations under specific circumstances and to make a certain report; and generally relating to the application of the Cruelty to Animals Act to all animals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 59 and 67
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)