

HB1139/820912/1

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1139
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3 strike “– Animal Control Officers”; in line 7, after “Commissioners” insert “of Calvert County”; in line 10, after “summons;” insert “authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to create an Animal Matters Hearing Board to resolve certain disputes and controversies; providing that the County Commissioners may authorize an Animal Matters Hearing Board to issue certain subpoenas and assess and collect certain civil penalties;”; in line 15 strike “the enforcement of”; in the same line, after “laws” insert “regulating and protecting animals”; strike beginning with “by” in line 15 down through “officers” in line 16; and in line 19, strike “and” and substitute “, (p), and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 18, insert:

“(p) **(1)** In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under this subtitle, the County Commissioners of Calvert County may by ordinance provide for the regulation, humane treatment, and keeping of domestic animals within Calvert County, including the authority to assess a penalty for a violation of a provision of an ordinance of imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 30 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

(2) (1) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY MAY CREATE AN ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD TO RESOLVE DISPUTES AND CONTROVERSIES ARISING UNDER THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(Over)

(II) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE AN ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD TO:

- 1. ISSUE A SUBPOENA TO COMPEL PARTIES IN A DISPUTE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD;**
- 2. ASSESS A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 FOR A VIOLATION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND**
- 3. COLLECT A CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.”.**