

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2008, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 7-08

Mr. Kevin Kamenetz, Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, February 19, 2008

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Animal Control

FOR the purpose of altering a requirement to obtain a permit to keep a wild animal; changing certain nomenclature; clarifying certain zoning law; defining a certain term; and generally relating to wild animals.

By renumbering

Section 12-1-101(aa) and (bb)
Article 12. Animals
Baltimore County Code, 2003 to be
Section 12-1-101(bb) and (cc)

By adding

Section 12-1-101(aa)
Article 12. Animals
Baltimore County Code, 2003

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Sections 12-2-201(b) and 12-7-101(a)
Article 12. Animals
Baltimore County Code, 2003

By adding

Section 446
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 12-1-101(aa) and (bb) of Article 12. Animals, of the
3 Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, is hereby renumbered to be Section 12-1-101(bb) and
4 (cc).

5 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that Section 12-1-101(aa) is hereby added to
6 Article 12. Animals, of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, to read as follows:
7 § 12-1-101.

8 (AA) “RESEARCH INSTITUTE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 101 OF THE
9 BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS.

10 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that Sections 12-2-201(b) and 12-7-101(a),
11 of Article 12. Animals of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, are hereby repealed
12 and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:
13 § 12-2-201.

14 (b) This section does not apply to a dog or cat included as part of:
15 (1) A commercial kennel, fancier kennel or cattery, or pet shop;
16 (2) A research [facility] INSTITUTE where bona fide medical or related
17 dental, veterinarian, pharmaceutical, or biological research is being conducted; or
18 (3) Any animal shelter operated by the state or local government, or which is
19 licensed by federal law or which is excluded from holding facility licensing requirements of this
20 article.

1 § 12-7-101.

2 (a) This section does not apply to [zoological parks or] A research [facilities]
3 INSTITUTE.

4 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that Section 446 is hereby added to the
5 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended, to read as follows:

6 § 446. WILD ANIMALS.

7 446.1 DEFINITION. IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORD HAS THE MEANING
8 INDICATED.

9 WILD ANIMAL - HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 12 OF THE BALTIMORE
10 COUNTY CODE.

11 446.2 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE REGULATIONS, A
12 PERSON MAY NOT KEEP OR ALLOW TO BE KEPT ON THE PERSON'S PREMISES A
13 WILD ANIMAL EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 12, TITLE 7 OF THE BALTIMORE
14 COUNTY CODE.

15 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
16 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on March 30, 2008.