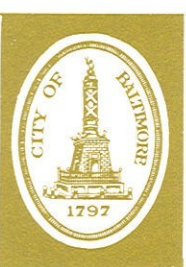


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	SUBJECT	Re: City Council Bill 08-0050

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TO The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
President,
City Council of Baltimore
400 City Hall

DATE: April 8, 2008

The Environmental Control Board supports the above Bill for the purpose of increasing the prepayable citation penalties for certain animal control offenses.

This Bill will not involve an increase in the staff at ECB; therefore the fiscal impact for operations is nominal.

Naturally, ECB views this bill as a strategic enforcement tool that will hold the pet owners to a higher financial responsibility, and thus improve the plight of animals protected under the Health code. In addition, this bill has the potential to have a tremendous impact for the health, safety, and welfare of other citizens, because the pet owners are more likely to obtain the proper vaccinations and licenses necessary to show compliance with the Health provisions rather than pay a heavier fine or have their pets confiscated.

The Environmental Control Board recommends approval of this bill.

