

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 14-0370
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Curran, Clarke, Henry, Scott, Holton, Branch, Kraft, Middleton,
Reisinger, Spector, Mosby

Introduced and read first time: April 28, 2014

Assigned to: Health Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Health Department, Baltimore Animal
Rescue and Care Shelter, Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission, Police Department,
Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Animal Control – Impounding Public Nuisance Animals**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing for the impoundment of any animal reasonably believed to be a public
4 nuisance animal; and generally relating to the impoundment of animals.

5 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

6 Article - Health

7 Section(s) 10-801

8 Baltimore City Revised Code

9 (Edition 2000)

10 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
11 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

12 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

13 **Article – Health**

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15 **Title 10. Animal Control and Protection**

16 ***Subtitle 8. Impoundment***

17 **§ 10-801. Authority to impound.**

18 An animal enforcement officer, police officer, humane officer, or other person authorized and
19 contracting with the City to do so may impound any animal:

20 (1) found at large;

21 (2) whose owner or custodian does not have the required license or permit for the animal;

22 (3) that is found without a license tag required by this title;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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- 1 (4) that poses a threat to public health, safety, or welfare;
- 2 (5) reasonably believed to be a dangerous or vicious animal;
- 3 (6) placed at risk by its health or environment;
- 4 (7) that is abandoned;
- 5 (8) that is prohibited in the City;
- 6 (9) [that is] REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE a public nuisance animal;
- 7 (10) whose owner or custodian is in violation of this title; or
- 8 (11) whose owner or custodian is in violation of any other animal control or protection
- 9 law, rule, or regulation of this City or State.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
11 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
12 Ordinance.

13 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
14 after the date it is enacted.