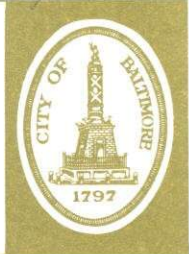


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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

DATE: April 24, 2014

Attention: Karen Randle

City Council Bill 14-0370 seeks to amend Section 10-801 in the Baltimore City Revised Code (Edition 2000) which concerns the authority to impound animals. This law outlines eleven scenarios in which “an animal enforcement officer, police officer, humane officer, or other person authorized and contracting with the City to do so may impound any animal.” This Bill would amend the wording of the ninth scenario, which currently reads “that is a public nuisance animal,” to now read “reasonably believed to be a public nuisance animal.” It is believed that this new wording will allow the Animal Services program more flexibility to impound nuisance animals in City neighborhoods. This change is in line with scenario five of the law, which reads “reasonably believed to be a dangerous or vicious animal.”

The Finance Department assumes that the Health Department and Animal Services would handle any changes in animal impoundment related to this law using current resources, and that resource needs would be reviewed in the annual budget process based on workload and performance data. Animals Services has communicated to the Finance Department that it expects this change to be budget neutral, and to potentially increase efficiency within the program if animal enforcement officers can make fewer repeat trips in response to complaints about the same animal.

The Finance Department has no objection to the bill.

cc: Harry Black
Angela Gibson



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