

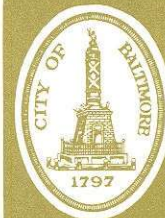
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SUBJECT

CITY COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-0106 Animal Control
And Protection Companion Animal ProtectionCITY of
BALTIMORE
MEMO

TO

The Honorable Bernard C. Young
President
City Council of Baltimore
400 City Hall

DATE:

October 26, 2012

The Environmental Control Board (ECB) objects to the bill FOR the purpose of requiring animal shelters to take steps to reduce the number of animals they kill; repealing the requirement that cats be licensed; prohibiting the immediate killing of animals when their owner's license is revoked; regulating the use of live animal traps to catch cats; establishing standards for the operations of animal shelters; establishing standards for the killing of animals in shelters; prohibiting the use of animals from shelters for medical research; requiring that certain information about shelter operations be made available to the public; defining and redefining certain terms; clarifying and conforming related provisions; providing for certain penalties; and generally relating to the treatment of animals commonly kept as companions.

The section of this bill that affects ECB is amending Article 1 Section(s) 40-14(e)(7)(Title 10, Subtitle 3 and 8). From the perspective from an administrative court, requiring the validity of these citations to be determined in a hearing would be welcome as it would introduce due process for the accused. In all other matters reacted to this bill, ECB defers to the Health Department they have the ultimate responsibility for the overall administrative process on a daily basis.

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