

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BILL 29-26
By County Executive

1. On page 1, in the first line of the purpose paragraph, after “purpose of” insert “providing for and amending the scope and exemptions for Article 12;”; after the purpose insert a new function paragraph as follows:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments
Section 12-1-102
Article 12 – Animals
Baltimore County Code, 2015”.

2. On page 2, after line 4, insert the following:

“Title 1 – In General
Subtitle 1 – In General

§ 12-1-102. Scope and Exemption.

(a) Except as provided in [subsection (b) of] this section, this article applies to a person who owns, leases, harbors, shelters, or controls an animal in the county, whether the person is a resident of the county or not.

(b) *AGRICULTURE EXEMPTION.*

(1) (I) In this subsection, “farm animal” means [an animal being maintained for the production of food, food products, and fiber] ANY DOMESTICATED ANIMAL KEPT ON A FARM SETTING FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING FOOD, FIBER, LABOR, BREEDING, PERFORMANCE, RESEARCH, OR AGRICULTURAL TOURISM.

(II) “FARM ANIMAL” INCLUDES HORSES, MULES, DONKEYS, CATTLE, BISON, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, ALPACAS, LLAMAS, AND OTHER ANIMALS UNDER A PERSON’S CARE IN AN AGRICULTURAL SETTING.

(III) “FARM ANIMAL” DOES NOT INCLUDE ANIMALS KEPT SOLELY FOR PLEASURE.

(2) This article does not apply to farm animals, except as provided in §§ [12-3-103] 12-3-301 and 12-3-208 of this Article regarding cruelty to animals.

(C) *PUBLIC SAFETY EXEMPTION.* THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) AN ANIMAL OWNED BY OR WORKING FOR A GOVERNMENTAL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; OR

(2) AN ANIMAL THAT FORMERLY WORKED FOR A GOVERNMENTAL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.”.

3. On page 9, in line 21, after “POSSESS,” insert “RESIDE WITH”.