

NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF BILL 18-4  
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Take Notice that Bill 18-4 (Public Safety - Animal Control) was passed by the County Commissioners on October 23, 2018.

A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

§ PS 2-101(b). (Amends this subsection of the Animal Control Subtitle of the Public Safety Article to include definitions of the terms "Suitable Shelter", "Tethered", "Restraints" and "Unsafe Weather Conditions" as referenced in the Subtitle.)

§ PS 2-101(v). (Adds this new subsection to the Animal Control Subtitle to establish standards for tethering an animal, requiring that such tether must be at least fifteen feet long; prohibiting chain as a restraint; prohibiting certain collars; and requiring a minimum space between the animal's neck and the collar.)

§ PS 2-101(w). (Adds this new subsection to the Animal Control Subtitle to establish standards for suitable shelter of animals if left outdoors and unattended; and requiring that animals be brought inside a home or building during unsafe weather conditions.)

§ PS 2-101(x). (Adds this new subsection to the Animal Control Subtitle to establish that shade must be provided if an animal is to be left outdoors and unattended and the forecasted weather is 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; provides that animal shelters shall not be considered shade.)

This bill becomes effective forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage.

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is posted on the Legislative Bulletin Board in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103, is available for public inspection in Room 1103 of the Worcester County Government Center and is available on the County Website at [www.co.worcester.md.us](http://www.co.worcester.md.us).

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