

directed in their discretion to contribute for the maintenance and support of the Havre de Grace Hospital of Harford County the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) annually, or so much thereof as they may in their judgment think proper.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1912.

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## CHAPTER 715.

AN ACT to add one new section to Article 1 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Allegany County," sub-title "Dogs and Sheep," and to be known as section 100F of said Article 1, for the purpose of encouraging sheep raising, providing protection for loss of sheep, and subjecting the owner or owners of dogs destroying sheep to liability to the County Commissioners of Allegany County for destruction of such sheep.

\* SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be added to Article 1 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Allegany County," sub-title "Dogs and Sheep," to be known as section 100F.

100F. That whenever any person shall sustain any loss or damage to sheep by a dog, bitch or spayed bitch in any election district in said county, and such person shall have preferred any claim for such loss and damage against the County Commissioners for Allegany County, in accordance with sections 100A, 100B, 100C, 100D and 100E of Chapter 492 of the Laws of Maryland, passed in 1906, with reference to the killing of sheep by dogs in Allegany county, and such claim shall have been allowed and paid by the County Commissioners of Allegany County, in accordance with said act, that in each and in all such cases, the owner or owners of such dog, bitch or spayed bitch, shall be liable for all damages and costs, said County Commissioners shall be required to pay on account of the sheep so injured, in a suit to be instituted by the County Commissioners of Allegany County, before any justice of the peace, or the Circuit Court for Allegany County, provided, however, that in any such suit the owner or owners of any dog or dogs so sued, shall have the right to make any and all defenses to such suit as to the value of the sheep killed, and the dog or dogs so killing said sheep, as he or they could have made in a suit against him for said damages by the owner of the sheep.