

CHAPTER 319.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 197 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws, of Maryland, title "Montgomery," sub-title "Dogs," as enacted by Chapter 264 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1922, and to repeal Section 198 of the said Article as enacted by Chapter 264 of the Laws of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922, and to add two new sections to said article to follow after Section 197 thereof and to be designated as Sections 197-A and 197-B, the purpose of such amendments being to provide further procedure in connection with claims for damages for fowls or animals destroyed or injured by dogs, to authorize and empower the County Health Officer of Montgomery County to take possession of and order the confinement of dogs which have been bitten, and to provide for the methods of enforcing the provisions of said act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 197 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Montgomery County," sub-title "Dogs," as enacted by Chapter 264 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Section 197. *Be it enacted,* That when any resident of Montgomery County, shall have any domestic fowls or animals belonging to him, destroyed or injured by dogs, he may apply to any Justice of the Peace of said county who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained, and they or a majority of them, shall, under oath, state in writing to the County Commissioners the number of fowls or animals so killed, the character and extent of the injury, if any, and the amount of damages sustained by the owner, and in like manner they shall give a general description of both the destroyed and injured fowl or animals, and both the appraisers and the owners shall make oath that they believe the same to have been destroyed or injured by dogs, and they or either of them shall state under oath the names of the owners of said dogs and when the report of such proceedings shall have been filed in the office of the County Commissioners the said Commissioners shall review said report and if in their judgment the