

Somerset and Wicomico Counties prior to the time at which this Act becomes effective, be and the same is hereby validated and confirmed in all respects as made and the action of any local official or officials concerned with the distribution and disposition of any such fine or fines is also ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved April 6, 1953.

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## CHAPTER 318

(House Bill 204)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 206 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the County", relating to the appraisers of damages caused by dogs and to the duties of such appraisers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 206 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the County", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

206. When any inhabitant of any county shall have any sheep, poultry or livestock destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs, he may apply to any *Trial Magistrate* [Justice of the Peace] of said county, who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained, *at least one of said appraisers shall be a Deputy Sheriff of said County* and they, [or a majority of them,] under oath, shall state in writing to the County Commissioners of said county, the number of sheep, poultry, or livestock killed, the character and extent of the injury, if any done, and the amount of the damages, *upon which they shall all agree*, sustained by the owner;

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.