

Assembly of the progress of the work, and of all receipts and disbursements under this act.

Effective. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6th, 1894.

CHAPTER 426.

AN ACT looking to the preservation of sheep, in providing for taxing dogs, males and female, and furnishing additional revenue for the benefit of the public schools in Dorchester County.

Metal tags for dogs. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the board of school commissioners of Dorchester county shall provide suitable metal tags, having stamped on one side the number thereof, and on the other side the year for which they are to be used; to be worn on the necks of all dogs, male and female, whose owners may apply for, and shall pay on the receipt of the same, to the treasurer of the school board, in Dorchester county, the sum of one dollar for each tag and collar; and the money so paid as aforesaid shall be a tax for one year on each dog, male and female; the name of the owner of the dog, male and female, as well as the name of the dog, male and female, with the number and date of his tag, shall be entered regularly in a book kept by the said treasurer of the school board for that purpose.

Cost of tag.

Failure to procure tag. SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That all dogs, male or female, whose owner or owners shall fail to procure the tags as aforesaid, and shall be found outside of the premises, unattended by the owner, without the said tag worn upon their necks, shall be unprotected by law and be considered as a nuisance and may be killed by any citizen, when so found running at large, and be relieved of all culpability in law for any damage to the owner by reason of the killing.

Dogs injuring sheep. SEC. 3. *Be it enacted,* That any dog, male or female, without collar and tag, as herein provided for, away from the premises of his owner, running or annoying sheep, or is found lurking about or crossing any premises where sheep are kept, upon complaint thereof, under oath, before some justice of the