

a majority of them, under oath, shall state in writing to the County Commissioners of said County, the number of sheep, poultry or live stock killed, the character and extent of the injury, if any done, and the amount of the damages sustained by the owner; and both the appraisers and the owner of the sheep, poultry or live stock shall make oath that they believe the same to have been destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs; and when the report of such proceedings has been filed, the County Commissioners of said County shall review said report, and if in their judgment the amount of damages stated is unfair, they shall award such amount as they may deem fair; which award shall be paid out of the fund hereby created. And if the owner of the dog or dogs doing the damage be known, it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to notify such owner or owners to kill said dog or dogs immediately. If such dog or dogs be killed by the owner, after notice as aforesaid, he shall be exempt from all further liability, but in case the said owner or owners should refuse or neglect to kill said dog or dogs upon notice as aforesaid, the said owner or owners shall be liable to the County Commissioners for said damages to the same extent as he would be liable in case of negligence or malicious destruction of property.

201. Any person violating or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace of the County in which he resides, or in the Circuit Court of said County, shall be fined a sum of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); or shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than thirty days, or shall be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the Court. Provided that nothing in this Act shall apply to the City of Baltimore. All laws or parts of laws, whether public general laws or public local laws, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June.1, 1918.

Approved April 18th, 1918.