

entitled "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Cruelty to Animals," to be known as Section 46 T, and to read as follows:

46 T. Any officer or agent of the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or of any society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals, duly incorporated under the laws of this State, may take charge of any animal found abandoned that may appear to be diseased or disabled beyond recovery for any useful purpose, and thereupon shall, as quickly as may be, cause such animal to be appraised under oath by two reputable citizens, who shall view the same in his presence, and determine its value; and if such appraised value does not exceed five dollars, such officer may at once cause said animal to be killed in a humane manner; said society shall thereupon be indebted to the owner for the amount of its value, except when the appraisers determine that the death of the animal was rendered necessary by the owner's wilful abandonment or cruelty; said appraisers shall thereupon make oath to a certificate of their finding as to abandonment, value and necessity of death of said animal before a justice of the peace or notary public, which certificate shall be in writing, and be evidence of the truth of the matter contained therein.

Destruction of abandoned animals.

SEC 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 457.

AN ACT to add three additional sections to Article 66 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Mortgages," to be known as Sections twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That three additional sections be added to Article 66 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Mortgages," to be known as Sections twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight, and to read as follows:

Mortgages.

26. Whenever any real estate or leasehold interest therein is encumbered by a mortgage, deed or other instrument in the nature of a mortgage, except when it is otherwise agreed by the terms thereof, no annual crops pitched or cultivated

Real estate etc., encumbered by mortgage, deed, etc.