

## CHAPTER 267.

Passed 1867. AN ACT entitled, an Act to amend and re-enact sections one hundred and eighty-one and one hundred and eighty-seven of Article eight of Public Local Laws for Cecil county relating to dogs, so as to read as follows :

Sections amended.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections one hundred and eighty-one and one hundred eighty-seven of Article eight of Public Local Laws for Cecil county relating to dogs be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

Tax to be levied and collected.

Sec. 181. They shall levy and cause to be collected the sum of one dollar for each dog and five dollars for each slut kept, owned or possessed by each person named in such return as the owner thereof.

Evidence of ownership.

Sec. 189. Any dog or slut kept or staying about a house shall be deemed sufficient evidence of ownership to authorize the Collector to return the person inhabiting said house as the owner or possessor of such dog or slut, and any person sending his dog or slut from house to house or place to place to avoid the said tax shall be liable to pay double tax therefor, and the Collector may at his option require any person supposed to own a dog or slut to testify on oath in reference thereto, and every dog or slut not returned shall be deemed to have no owner and may be killed by any person seeing such dog or slut running at large, and any Collector who shall knowingly neglect to assess any dog or slut shall be liable upon an action in the name of the State for the value of all sheep killed by such unassessed dog or slut, the said sum when recovered to be paid one-half to the informer and the other half to the Treasurer of the county for the use of the sheep fund.