

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 154.

AN ACT to amend the Public Local Laws of Prince George's county, by adding thereto additional sections, to come in after section one hundred and eighty-two, of article sixteen, of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled Prince George's county, imposing a tax on dogs, and appropriating a portion of said taxes as a reward for killing foxes, and to the support of schools in said county.

Local law amended.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Public Local Laws of article sixteen, of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled Prince George's county, be amended by the addition of the following sections:*

Number of dogs allowed.

SEC. 183. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every dog in Prince George's county, except one dog to each and every family, and dogs under the age of six months, and such as are taxed by the incorporated towns within the limits of said county, shall be liable to an annual tax of one dollar for each and every male, and one dollar and a-half for each and every female, commencing on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and that any and every owner of such animal or animals, who shall fail or refuse to pay the aforesaid tax, shall be liable to a fine of five dollars and costs, to be recovered in the name of the County Commissioners of said county, as small debts are now recoverable before any Justice of the Peace of said county, one-half of the said fine to go to the County Commissioners aforesaid, for the purposes hereinafter specified, and the other half to the informer or informers; provided, however, that any owner who shall kill any dog rather than pay such tax, shall not be liable for such tax or fine.*

Rate of tax for same.

Proviso.

Duty of Constables.

SEC. 184. *And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several constables in the said county to kill each and every dog in his election district for which no owner can be found, or upon which dog or*