

CHAPTER 283.

AN ACT to prevent stock running at large in and around Reisterstown, in Baltimore county.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for stock of any kind to go at large in Reisterstown, Baltimore county, nor within a circuit of one mile, taking the sixteen mile stone, located in Reisterstown, as the central point. Not lawful for stock to run at large.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful for any citizen to take up and impound any horse, mule, horned cattle, goats, or swine which may be found going at large, and any person so taking up and impounding, shall notify a Justice of the Peace, resident within said described limits, who shall give notice of said impounding by advertisement set up at one or more public places, describing the stock so impounded, and that the same will be sold at public auction, at some public place within said limits, within four days; *provided,* that if the owner of any stock impounded under this Act shall prove, to the satisfaction of the Justice of the Peace, that said stock did not go at large from negligence or want of care on his part, and that due diligence was used to prevent it, the owner shall have return of the property on paying all expenses of keeping and proving the same, and one dollar for taking up each of said stock. Lawful to take up and impound. Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all moneys arising from the execution of this Act, the Justice of the Peace shall collect and pay to the party taking up and impounding said stock a fair compensation for his services, and the balance to the owner or owners who may establish his or their claim to said property; and in the event of no such claimant appearing within thirty days, then the balance, after deducting costs, shall be paid into the school fund for Baltimore county. Disposition of moneys arising.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. In force.

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