

agents; any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than one nor more than five hundred dollars for each offense; and the animal or animals so introduced into such infected stables or premises, shall be slaughtered by said State Board of Agriculture or its duly authorized officers or agents without appraisement or compensation from the State.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 18. 1912, sec. 14. 1904, sec. 14. 1888, sec. 14. 1888, ch. 519, sec. 14. 1916, ch. 337.

18. In the event of any building or buildings, sheds, stables, stable furniture, hay, straw or fodder or feed being reported to the said Board by its officers as being incapable of proper disinfection, the said Board may, in its discretion, have such buildings or articles so infected appraised, as hereinafter provided for the appraisement of animals and destroyed.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 19. 1912, sec. 15. 1904, sec. 15. 1888, sec. 15. 1888, ch. 519, sec. 15. 1906, ch. 431. 1916, ch. 337.

19. In the event of its being deemed necessary for the said Board to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious disease, to cause any animal or animals so diseased, or exposed to such disease to be slaughtered, the value of such animal or animals shall be appraised under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board of Agriculture, by two sworn appraisers, to be sworn before any officer authorized to administer oaths and affirmations, one of which appraisers to be appointed by the owner or custodian of such animals, the other by the said Board of Agriculture or its duly authorized representative, or in case the said owner or custodian of such animals shall neglect or refuse to name such appraiser, then by two appraisers to be appointed by said Board of Agriculture or its duly authorized representative, who in case of disagreement shall call in a third; but in no event shall the appraisement, together with the estimated value of the carcass, hide and offal exceed ninety per centum of the fair market value of the animal or animals, or a total of five hundred dollars for any one animal; and which said appraisement when approved by said Board of Agriculture shall be filed with the Comptroller; and the Comptroller shall forthwith issue his warrant to the Treasurer for the amount of said appraisement, in favor of the said owner or owners; and if the owner or owners of such animals or buildings or other property shall not be satisfied with the amount of said appraisement, he may, within sixty days, appeal to the Circuit Court of the County, or to the Baltimore City Court, if such animals or buildings are within the City of Baltimore, by filing in said Court a copy of the appraisement with a petition for a writ of subpoena against the officer representing the said State Board of Agriculture, and said appeals shall be acted on by said Court in the same manner as appeals from Justices of the Peace.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 20. 1912, sec. 16. 1904, sec. 16. 1888, sec. 16. 1888, ch. 519, sec. 16. 1916, ch. 337.

20. The State Board of Agriculture is hereby authorized and empowered to agree with the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture of the United States, or other properly constituted authority of the United States, for co-operation in the work of eradicating any contagious or infectious disease among live stock, in the State of Mary-