

CHAPTER 439.

AN ACT to prevent the spread of infectious or contagious pleuro-pneumonia among the cattle of this State.

Suppress disease.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That whenever it shall be brought to the notice of the Governor of this State that the disease known as contagious or infectious pleuro-pneumonia exists among the cattle in any of the counties of this State, or in the city of Baltimore, it shall be his duty to take measures to promptly suppress the disease and prevent it from spreading.

Issue proclamation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for such purpose the Governor shall have power to issue his proclamation stating that infectious or contagious disease exists in any county or counties of the State, or in the city of Baltimore, and warning all persons to seclude all animals in their possession that are affected with such disease or have been exposed to the infection or contagion thereof, and ordering all persons to take such precautions against the spreading of such disease as the nature thereof may, in his judgment, render necessary or expedient; to order that any premises, farm or farms, or stables where such disease exist or has existed, be put in quarantine, so that no domestic animal be removed from or brought to the premises or places so quarantined, and to prescribe such regulations as he may judge necessary or expedient to prevent infection or contagion being communicated in any way from the places so quarantined; to call upon all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to carry out and enforce the provisions of such proclamations, orders and regulations; and it shall be the duty of all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to obey and observe all orders and instructions which they may receive from the Governor in the premises; to employ such and so many medical and veterinary practitioners and such other persons as he may from time to time deem necessary to assist him in performing his duty as set forth in the first section of this act, and to fix their compensation; to

Prescribe regulations.