

CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to repeal sections one hundred and fifty-five, and one hundred and fifty-six, of article eight, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Cecil county," sub-title "Fences," and to enact the following sections in lieu thereof, and to add the following new sections to said article to be known as "sections one hundred and fifty-six A, one hundred and fifty-six B."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections one hundred and fifty-five, and one hundred and fifty-six, of article eight, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Cecil county," sub-title "Fences," be and the same are hereby repealed and the following sections enacted in lieu thereof, and that the following new sections be and the same are hereby added to article eight, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Cecil county," sub-title "Fences," to be known as "sections one hundred and fifty-six A, one hundred and fifty-six B."

155. When the lands of any two persons adjoin, each of them shall make and maintain one-half of the whole length of the line of fence between them, and if either of said persons shall fail or neglect to make his proportion of said fence, or to keep or put the same in good repair within thirty days after he shall have been notified and requested to do so in writing, then the party making said requests may make or repair said fence at the expense of the party so neglecting or refusing, and may recover his costs and expenses in the same manner as other debts.

156. Should any person wish to fence in any land which has hitherto been uninclosed, after having built his proportion of said fence, he shall give to the party whose land adjoins his land notice in writing that he must erect his proportion of said fence within thirty days; and if the party so notified shall fail to erect his proportion of said fence the same remedy as given in the preceding section shall apply.

156 A. The fences to be made or kept in repair under the preceding sections shall be at least four feet high and shall be sufficiently close to prevent hogs from passing through the same.

156 B. If any person having an interest in any division fence shall fail to make or keep in repair his part thereof, he shall not be entitled to any damages on account of any trespass through said part by stock belonging to or in charge of the owner of the other part of said fence; and if he shall kill, maim or otherwise injure such stock, upon conviction thereof he shall be liable civilly to the owner of such stock to the extent of his damages,