

March, eighteen hundred and eighty, and not before.

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CHAPTER 387.

AN ACT for the prevention of cruelty to animals
in the city of Baltimore.

Abuse of animals. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whoever shall overdrive, overload, overwork, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, cruelly beat, mutilate or kill, or cause or procure to be so overdriven, overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated or killed, any horse, ox or other animal, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered on complaint by any member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or by any other person, before any justice of the peace in Baltimore city.

Maimed animals. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every owner, driver or possessor, or person having charge or custody of a maimed, disabled or diseased horse, mule or other animal, who shall cruelly work the same when unfit for work, or cruelly abandon the same, shall be punished in the same manner as provided in section one.

Aid to prosecution. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of any magistrate in the city of Baltimore, or the judge of any court in the said city, before whom is brought for trial any person or persons charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this act, to admit the President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or the counsel of said society, to aid any State's Attorney in the prosecution of such person or persons.