

(e) Such owner shall have the right of an appeal from a judgment against him to the Circuit Court of his residence, the same as in other appeal cases, provided such appeal is taken within ten days from the date of the judgment and if the decision on appeal is against him, he shall be liable in damages to the County for the amount of damages paid by the County on the claim, and court costs and expenses.

(f) Provided, however, that no owner of livestock or poultry shall be reimbursed under the provisions of this section for damages inflicted by his own dog, nor shall he be reimbursed for any damages by any dog if, at the time such damage was inflicted, he or any member of his household or other person living on his lands owned or kept or harbored an unlicensed dog of licensing age. No reimbursements, under this section, shall be made for damages by a dog to a dog, cat or other pet. Awards shall in no case exceed the fair market value of such livestock or poultry as food products.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 16, 1947.

CHAPTER 385.

(House Bill 538)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Queen Anne's County", sub-title "County Commissioners", said new section to be known as Section 187A, and to follow immediately after Section 187 of said Article, relating to the power of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County to alter the salary of any employee who is paid by said County Commissioners and who has been appointed either by said County Commissioners or by any other duly elected or appointed official of said County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article