

CHAP. 431

To prevent
spreading of
contagious
disease.

Section 15. In the event of its being deemed necessary by the said veterinary inspector and the said board, in order 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 in their then condition by two sworn appraisers, to be sworn before any officer authorized to administer oaths and affirmations, one of said appraisers to be appointed by the owner or custodian of such animals and the other by the said veterinary inspector, or the value of such animal or animals may be appraised after they have been slaughtered, by any two appraisers, in like manner appointed and sworn, and who were acquainted with said animal or animals and its or their value before being slaughtered; and 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 inspector, who in case of disagreement shall call in a third; which said appraisement, when approved by said board, 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 of such animals or building or other property shall not be satisfied with the amount of said appraisement, he may, within sixty days, appeal to the Circuit Court for 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 such appraisement, with a petition for a writ of subpoena against the said veterinary inspector, and said appeals shall be acted on by said court in the same manner as appeals from justices of the peace; provided, no animal may be appraised or paid for under the provisions of this Act that has been slaughtered for more than three years before the passage of this Act; and provided further, that all animals that have been slaughtered as aforesaid within three years prior to the passage of this Act may be appraised and paid for as hereinbefore set forth, and including such animals as were not passed by said veterinary inspector, but were slaughtered by reason of having tuberculosis and upon the advice of any regular veterinarian after a careful test by the injection of tuberculosis of Kack's lymph; provided further, that such appraisement shall be

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