

Chapter 134.

AN ACT to encourage the destruction of hawks
in Baltimore county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every person, who is an actual resident of Baltimore county, shall be entitled to an allowance from the county of fifty cents (50) for every hawk taken and killed by him within the limits of said county.

Fee entitled to

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person killing any of the birds of prey mentioned in the preceding section of this act, shall produce the head of the same before some justice of the peace of said county, and make oath that the said bird of prey was taken and killed within the limits of Baltimore county, within six days then preceding, and the justice shall thereupon give such person a certificate, wherein he shall set forth the said oath, and shall, at the same time, cut off the beaks from the heads of said birds of prey, so as to prevent a second allowance.

What to produce.

Give certificate.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That no justice of the peace shall be entitled to any fee or reward for the taking of such oath or the issuing of each certificate.

Not entitled to fee.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the county commissioners of Baltimore county are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, if they think proper, to pay said sum of fifty cents for each and every hawk, as shown in said certificate to have been killed within the limits of Baltimore county.

Discretionary power.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved March 23, 1888.