

ment of twenty-five cents and satisfactory evidence being furnished that the tax of one dollar for a male dog and two dollars for a female dog, as the case may be, has been paid, for the current year, for the use of the dog.

SEC 212. When any resident of Anne Arundel County shall have any domestic fowl or fowls, animal or animals, destroyed or injured by dogs, he may apply to any Justice of the Peace of said county, who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by her, him or them sustained, and the appraisers, or a majority of them, shall, under oath, state in writing to the County Commissioners the number of fowls or animals so killed or injured, the character and extent of the injury, if any, and the amount of damages sustained by the owner, and in like manner they shall give a general description of both the destroyed and injured fowl or animal; and both the appraisers and the owners shall make oath that they believe the same to have been destroyed or injured by dogs, and they or either of them shall state under oath the names of the owners of said dogs, and when the report of such proceedings shall have been filed in the office of the County Commissioners the said Commissioners shall review said report, and if in their judgment the amount of damages stated is unfair, they shall award such amounts as they may deem fair, and shall give an order on the County Treasurer to pay the amount of such award out of the "Dog Fund" from the amount credited to the district in which the damage is done, and in case the amount credited to any district is not sufficient to pay said award, said order shall be and remain good, and shall be payable out of any funds in said "Dog Fund" credited to such district, and shall be payable in turn according to the date thereof; provided, that before the Commissioners shall make any award of damages for the killing of said fowls or animals, the person claiming damages shall be required to prove to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners that he does not know and is unable with reasonable diligence to ascertain the owner of the dogs which did such damage; or if the said owner is known, to prove to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that it is impracticable to collect the amount of damage sustained by suit against the owner of said dogs, and in case any dog shall be known to kill any domestic fowls or animals, it shall be lawful for any person to kill such dog; and in case the damage to any person by reason of loss or injury to his domestic fowls or animals shall be from dogs either his own or kept upon his premises, he shall be entitled to no compensation under this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of*