

with a Justice of the Peace of the said county an itemized statement showing the exact costs of making or repairing the said fence with proof of notice aforesaid, whereupon the said justice shall docket a case against the owner of the land, and notify said owner, his tenant, overseer or other representative in case the said owner is a new resident of Calvert County, and five days after such notice the said justice shall hear the case, to determine whether the work has been performed and the reasonableness of the charges for making or repairing the said fence, and enter judgment in favor of plaintiff for the actual cost of making or repairing said fence and costs of suit, which judgment shall become, when recorded, the first lien upon the land over and above any mortgage judgment or any other evidence of debt.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1910.

CHAPTER 462.

AN ACT providing for the taxation of dogs in Calvert County, and creating a fund out of which owners of domestic fowls and animals killed or injured by dogs may be reimbursed for the loss of the same, and furnishing revenue for the use of the public schools of said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all owners of dogs upwards of six months old in Calvert County shall pay to the county an annual tax of one dollar for each male dog and two dollars for each female dog; and any dog kept or straying about the premises of any person with his knowledge, whether such person be the owner or only the occupant of said premises, shall be deemed, for the purpose of this section, the property of said person; and the tax imposed by this section shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each year, and shall be payable within the first thirty days of each year.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to provide the constables of the county in their respective districts, with suitable metal tags, having stamped on one side the number thereof and on the other side the year for which they are to be used, to be worn on the necks of the dogs, whose owner shall pay to the constables the said tax, and the County Commissioners shall provide the constables with blank receipts in printed form, which, when filled up, shall contain the name of the owner of the dog, his post-