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(40). *For purposes of county taxation in Wicomico County only, livestock not being held for a longer period than six months, commonly known as "feeder" stock.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved April 11, 1955.

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CHAPTER 291

(Senate Bill 369)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 206 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the Counties", relating to the authority of the Sheriff and deputy sheriff of ~~the various counties~~ FREDERICK COUNTY to appoint appraisers to appraise the damages caused by dogs to livestock.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 206 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the Counties", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:*

206.

When any inhabitant of any county shall have any sheep, poultry or livestock destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs, he may apply to any trial magistrate of said county, ~~the sheriff, or any deputy sheriff,~~ who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained, at least one of said appraisers shall be a deputy sheriff of said county and they, under oath, shall state in writing to the county commissioners of said county, the number of sheep, poultry, or livestock killed, the character and extent of the injury, if any done, and the amount of the damages, upon which they shall all agree, sustained by the owner; and both the appraisers and the owner of the sheep, poultry or livestock shall make oath that they believe the same to have been destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs; and when the report of such proceedings has been filed, the county commissioners of said county shall review said report, and if in their judgment the amount of damages stated is unfair, they shall award such amount as they may deem fair; which award shall be paid out of the fund hereby created; provided, however, that the said sworn report of the appraiser shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the fairness of the award of damages in each instance; and provided, further, that the county commissioners shall not change such an award unless they shall

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.