

have personal knowledge of its unfairness, or shall receive competent testimony to the effect that the award is in excess of a fair commercial valuation of the sheep, poultry or livestock injured or destroyed by dogs. And if the owner of the dog or dogs doing the damage be known, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to notify such owner or owners to kill said dog or dogs immediately. If such dog or dogs be killed by the owner, after notice as aforesaid, he shall be exempt from all further liability, but in case the said owner or owners shall refuse or neglect to kill said dog or dogs upon notice as aforesaid, the said owner or owners shall be liable to the county commissioners for said damages to the same extent as he would be liable in case of negligence or malicious destruction of property, and the said county commissioners may in their discretion have the special officers or constables to kill said dog, or dogs. In Montgomery County, however, the county council in lieu of notifying the owner or owners to kill such dog or dogs may require such owner or owners to execute and file with the clerk of the county council a bond in such amount and upon such terms as it shall determine to indemnify the county council for any such damage as said dog or dogs shall have done, but in case the said owner or owners should refuse or neglect to execute and post such bond the said county council may, in its discretion, provide for the humane destruction of said dog or dogs. In Washington County no payments shall be made under this section unless the occurrence is reported to the justice of the peace, in order to have appraisers appointed, within 48 hours of the damage complained of, and unless such appraisers file their report with the county commissioners of Washington County within 15 days after their appointment. **IN FREDERICK COUNTY, THE APPRAISERS TO BE APPOINTED AS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION MAY ALSO BE APPOINTED BY THE SHERIFF, OR ANY DEPUTY SHERIFF, OF SAID COUNTY.**

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

Approved April 11, 1955.

CHAPTER 292

(Senate Bill 381)*

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", said new section to be known as Section 23A, to follow immediately after Section 23 thereof, and to be under the sub-title "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses"; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 26, 38(b), 51(a), 52, 108, 110 and 129 of said Article, sub-title "General Provisions on Issue of Licenses", creating a Class G (On Sale) license for the sale of alcoholic bev-

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.