

CHAPTER 196.

AN ACT to repeal an act passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, chapter two hundred and sixty-two, entitled an act imposing a tax on dogs, to protect the raising of sheep in Kent county. Passed Mar. 8, 1856.

WHEREAS, an act passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, chapter two hundred and sixty-two, imposing a tax on dogs, to protect the raising of sheep in Kent county, which empowered the county commissioners to ascertain the number of dogs, by persons to be appointed by them, imposing a tax on every dog; providing a mode of collecting the same; and of paying thereout to the owners of sheep killed by dogs, a compensation, to be ascertained according to the directions of said act, providing for the destruction of dogs in certain cases; and for the application of uncalled-for funds derived from such tax, &c.; and whereas, a considerable number of the citizens of said county, interested in the raising and protection of sheep, have, by their petition to this General Assembly, represented that the said act has not proved of any beneficial effect to the owners of sheep killed by dogs, and is not likely to become beneficial, but is considered generally in the county as unavailing and ineffectual; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That the said act be and is hereby repealed; *provided, however,* that such repeal shall not prevent the collection of taxes imposed, and in a train of collection, under the same, or impair the bond or obligation of the collector to collect and account for all moneys collected and to be collected, nor the power to collect, nor the application by the county commissioners of all such moneys according to the provisions of said act. Repealed Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all unexpended moneys derived from the said tax, and appropriated by the said county commissioners, by the first day of November next, shall be distributed rateably by them among the primary school districts in the said county, to be applied to educational purposes. Tax rateable distributed to the primary school districts.