

CHAPTER 263

(House Bill 450)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 721 and 722 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition, the same being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Washington County", sub-title "Wild Animals", relating to bounties for killing or destroying certain animals in Washington County; and providing generally for methods of obtaining said bounties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 721 and 722 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition, the same being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Washington County", sub-title "Wild Animals", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

721. Any citizen of Washington County, Maryland, who shall kill or destroy a fox, wildcat, or weasel, within the limits of Washington County, shall be entitled to the following allowance or bounty, viz: For each fox, the sum of ~~[\$2.00]~~ \$3.00; for each wildcat, the sum of ~~[\$2.00]~~ \$3.00; for each weasel, the sum of ~~[\$.50]~~ \$1.50, *for each horned owl, the sum of \$3.00.*

722. In order to obtain such allowance, it shall be necessary for the person, or parent, or guardian of the person or persons, killing a fox, wildcat, weasel, horned owl, hawk or crow, to produce the skin or skins of such fox, wildcat or weasel and the head or heads of such hawk, horned owl or crow before the Clerk of the County Commissioners of Washington County *or the county sheriff or a justice of peace*, and at the same time make oath in due form that the said fox, wildcat, weasel, horned owl, hawk or crow, as the case may be, was taken and killed within the limits of said Washington County, within sixty days before the production of said skin or skins or head or heads to the said Clerk of the County Commissioners *or the county sheriff or a justice of peace*. The said Clerk of the County Commissioners *or sheriff or justice of the peace* shall thereupon give to the person or persons producing said skin or skins, or head or heads, a certificate that such skin or skins, or head or heads were produced before him, wherein he shall set forth the above mentioned oath. It shall also be the duty of the said Clerk of the County Commissioners *or sheriff or justice of the peace*, to mark any such skin or skins, by means of perforating both ears and forehead of such skin or skins, by means of a special perforating machine to be furnished said Clerk, *sheriff or justice of peace* by the said County Commissioners of Washington County and to destroy the head or heads of any hawk, horned owl or crow, in order that no person or persons may collect said allowance or bounty on any skin or skins, head or heads, more than one time. Upon presentation of said certificate, above mentioned, to the Treasurer of said Washington County, the Treasurer shall pay the allowance or bounty as provided in Section 721 hereof.

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.