

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 197 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Dog Licenses in the Counties", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

197. All monies arising from the dog licenses or taxes shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer of the respective counties, or tax collecting office thereof, and shall be used for the payment of damages for the injury and killing of sheep, poultry or other livestock in said respective counties. In the event the same are not sufficient for the payment of all such damages the said damages shall be paid in the order the claims are presented, and any person or persons whose claims are not paid in any one year by reason of the lack of money to the credit of the said fund, which is to be designated "the dog license fund", shall be paid out of the first money coming into the fund after his claim is reached, and shall be paid in the order in which said claims are proved and filed; and any claims now filed and passed upon, but remaining unpaid, shall have preference over any new claims in the order of payment. The County Commissioners of the several counties are hereby authorized to expend any funds in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) remaining in the hands of the treasurer or the tax collecting officer after the payment of the claims as aforesaid, for any public purpose which, in their judgment, may seem right and proper, and are further empowered, whenever in their judgment it may become necessary to do so, to enter into a contract or agreement with such persons, association of persons or corporations as they may deem suitable, for the removal, care and disposition of unlicensed dogs, or licensed dogs, which may create a menace to the safety, **[and]** security *and property* of the residents of said counties, on such terms and conditions and for such compensation as may be agreed to by the said county commissioners and such persons, association of persons or corporations.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 8, 1959.

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## CHAPTER 518

(House Bill 683)

AN ACT to ~~repeal~~ REPEAL and re-enact, with amendments, Section 51 (d) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "County Commissioners", sub-title "County Treasurers", to change the allowance to the County Treasurer of St.

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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.