

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect June 1, 1962.*

Approved March 23, 1962.

CHAPTER 2

(Senate Bill 6)

AN ACT to add new Sections 333A, 333B, 333C and 333D to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", to follow immediately after Section 333 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Humane Slaughter of Livestock", providing certain requirements for the commercial slaughtering of livestock, defining the humane methods that may be used, providing for the enforcement of this Act, and relating generally to the treatment and slaughtering of livestock in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 333A, 333B, 333C and 333D be and they are hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", to follow immediately after Section 333 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Humane Slaughter of Livestock", and to read as follows:*

Humane Slaughter of Livestock

333A. (a) *As used in this sub-title these words are defined and shall be applied as follows:*

(b) *"Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, or association doing business in this State, in whole or in part.*

(c) *"Slaughterer" means any person regularly engaged in the commercial slaughtering of livestock.*

(d) *"Livestock" means cattle, calves, sheep, swine, horses, mules, goats and any other animal which can or may be used in and for the preparation of meat or meat products, but does not include poultry or fowl.*

(e) *"Packer" means any person engaged in the business of slaughtering, or of manufacturing or preparing meat or meat products for sale, either by such person or others; or of manufacturing or preparing livestock products for sale by such person or others.*

(f) *"Stockyard" means any place, establishment or facility commonly known as a stockyard, conducted or operated for compensation or profit as a public market, consisting of pens, or other enclosures, and their appurtenances, for the handling, keeping and holding of livestock for the purpose of sale or shipment.*

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.