

(g) "Humane method" means either: (1) a method whereby the animal is rendered insensible to pain by mechanical, electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, case or cut; or (2) a method in accordance with ritual requirements of the Jewish faith or any other religious faith whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument. The use of a manually operated hammer, sledge or poleax during slaughtering operations is specifically declared to be an inhumane method of slaughter within the meaning of this sub-title.

333B. No slaughterer, packer or stockyard operator shall shackle, hoist, or otherwise bring livestock into position for slaughter, by any method other than a humane method. No slaughterer, packer, or stockyard operator shall bleed or slaughter any livestock except by a humane method.

333C. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to prohibit, abridge or in any way hinder the religious freedom of any person or group. Notwithstanding any other provision of this sub-title, in order to protect freedom of religion, ritual slaughter and the handling or other preparation of livestock for ritual slaughter are exempted from the terms of this sub-title. For the purposes of this section the term "ritual slaughter" means slaughter in accordance with Section 333A (g) (2). NOTHING IN THIS SUB-TITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO A FARMER WHILE SLAUGHTERING HIS OWN LIVESTOCK.

333D. Any person, firm or corporation which violates any provision of this sub-title is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.) for each such conviction. The provisions of Section 63 of Article 27 of this Code are incorporated by reference in and made applicable to the enforcement and administration of this sub-title.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1963.

Approved March 23, 1962.

CHAPTER 3

(Senate Bill 8)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, ~~Section 49~~ SECTIONS 49 AND 50 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Pensions of Judges

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.