

*device* whatever, including but not limited to offering or accepting or inducing or attempting to induce a rebate in price or a concession of any kind in connection with the sale or purchase of cigarettes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved March 22, 1968.

---

CHAPTER 36  
(House Bill 100)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 198 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "Dog Licenses in the Counties" to correct an error and to deal generally with compensation for the killing of certain animals by dogs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 198 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "Dog Licenses in the Counties," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

198.

When any inhabitant of any county shall have any sheep, poultry or livestock destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs, he may apply to any trial magistrate of said county, who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained, at least one of said appraisers shall be a deputy sheriff of said county and they, under oath, shall state in writing to the county commissioners of said county, the number of sheep, poultry, or livestock killed, the character and extent of the injury, if any done, and the amount of the damages, upon which they shall all agree, sustained by the owner; and both the appraisers and the owner of the sheep, poultry or livestock shall make oath that they believe the same to have been destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs; and when the report of such proceedings has been filed, the county commissioners of said county shall review said report, and if in their judgment the amount of damages stated is unfair, they shall award such amount as they may deem fair; which award shall be paid out of the fund hereby created; provided, however, that the said sworn report of the appraisers shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the fairness of the award of damages in each instance; and provided, further, that the county commissioners shall not change such an award unless they shall have personal knowledge of its unfairness, or shall receive competent testimony to the effect that the award is in excess of a fair commercial valuation of the sheep, poultry or livestock injured or destroyed by dogs. And if the owner of the dog or dogs doing the damage be known, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to notify such owner or owners to kill said dog or dogs immediately. If such dog or dogs be killed by the owner, after notice as aforesaid, he shall be exempt from all further liability,