

but in case the said owner or owners shall refuse [to] or neglect to kill said dog or dogs upon notice as aforesaid, the said owner or owners shall be liable to the county commissioners for said damages to the same extent as he would be liable in case of negligence or malicious destruction of property, and the said county commissioners may in their discretion have the special officers or constables to kill said dog or dogs. In Montgomery County, however, the county manager shall perform all powers, duties and responsibilities placed within the jurisdiction and control of the County Council by this section; and the county manager in lieu of notifying the owner or owners to kill such dog or dogs may require such owner or owners to execute and file with the county manager a bond in such amount and upon such terms as he shall determine to indemnify the County Council for any such damage as said dog or dogs shall have done, but in case the said owner or owners should refuse or neglect to execute and post such bond the said county manager may, in his discretion, provide for the humane destruction of said dog or dogs. In Washington County no payments shall be made under this section unless the occurrence is reported to the justice of the peace, in order to have appraisers appointed, within 48 hours of the damage complained of, and unless such appraisers file their report with the County Commissioners of Washington County within 15 days after their appointment. In Frederick County, the appraisers to be appointed as provided by this section may also be appointed by the Sheriff, or any deputy sheriff of said county.

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

Approved March 22, 1968.

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## CHAPTER 37

(House Bill 101)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 83R of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Agriculture," subheading "Promotion of Use and Sale of Agricultural Products," amending the preservation of natural resources laws in order to correct erroneous wording therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 83R of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Agriculture," subheading "Promotion of Use and Sale of Agricultural Products," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

83R.

As an alternative method for the collection of assessments provided for in this subtitle, as amended, and as the same relates to livestock sold for slaughter, upon the request of the duly certified agency of the producers of livestock which are to be sold for slaughter, the State Board of Agriculture shall notify, by registered letter,