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, 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, associations of persons or corporations. In Washington County, the County Commissioners are authorized to pay out of the fund claims for damages to shrubbery and trees, and for damages to personal property of any kind. The provisions of this section dealing with the maintenance of a separate fund designated "the dog license fund" are not applicable to Harford and Allegany counties. In Harford County and in Allegany County all such moneys collected and all such claims paid shall be from general funds of the county.

213.

The present members of the Commission shall continue to serve for the terms for which they were respectively appointed [, from]. From time to time upon the occurring of vacancies upon the Commission, as now constituted, whether such vacancies shall happen by reason of the expiration of the terms for which the members of said Commission were appointed, respectively, or by reason of any other cause, the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of LICENSING AND REGULATION AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF the Senate of Maryland shall appoint a person to fill each vacancy thus occurring, so that said Commission shall continue to consist of seven persons as aforesaid. Each person so appointed shall be appointed for a term of four years, beginning as of June 1 in the year in which appointed, or in case of a vacancy occurring during the term for which any member of said Commission may have been appointed, then for the unexpired portion of said term. Every appointment shall be for the period indicated, or until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 29, 1971

CHAPTER 313

(House Bill 627)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 197-9(a), 197-16(c) and 197-23 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Maryland Poultry Products Inspection Act," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 757, 760(b), (e), (f) and 766 of said