

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.

CHAPTER 345

(Senate Bill 456)

AN ACT concerning

Dogs - Compensation for Damages to Livestock

FOR the purpose of defining a term for the purposes of certain provisions of law concerning compensation for damages by dogs to sheep, poultry, and other livestock; clarifying and altering the eligibility requirements for receiving such compensation; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to dog licenses and compensation for damages by dogs to livestock.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 197(a) and 198(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

197.

(a) (1) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 197 AND 198 OF THIS ARTICLE, "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, RECEIVER, TRUSTEE, GUARDIAN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, FIDUCIARY, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY KIND AND ANY PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY.

(2) All moneys arising from the dog licenses or taxes shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer of the respective counties, or tax collecting office thereof, and shall be used for the payment of damages for the injury and killing of sheep, poultry or other livestock in the respective counties, according to the procedures set out in § 198 of this article.

(3) In the event there are insufficient funds for the payment of all damages the damages shall be paid in the order the claims are presented, and any person or persons whose claims are