

CHAPTER 398

(House Bill 1057)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County - Dogs - Compensation for Livestock
Killed by Dogs - Appraiser

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law to provide that, in Carroll County, a sheriff or county official may appoint a county deputy sheriff or animal control officer as an appraiser to appraise damages sustained by a person as a result of a dog attack on the person's livestock; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the appraisal of damages to livestock resulting from attacks by dogs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 198(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 345 of the Acts
of the General Assembly of 1984)

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

Article 56 - Licenses

198.

(a) (1) ~~if~~ EXCEPT IN CARROLL COUNTY, IF any person has any sheep, poultry, or livestock destroyed or injured in a county by a dog or dogs, ~~he~~ THE PERSON may apply to the sheriff or the designated official of the county, who shall appoint ~~three~~ disinterested persons as appraisers ~~}- A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OR AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AS AN APPRAISER~~ to view and appraise the damages sustained by the person. IN CARROLL COUNTY, THE SHERIFF OR THE DESIGNATED OFFICIAL OF THE COUNTY SHALL APPOINT A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OR AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AS THE APPRAISER.

(2) ~~At least one of the appraisers shall be a deputy sheriff of the county, and they,}- OR, IN THE CASE OF CARROLL COUNTY, THE APPRAISER~~, under oath, shall state in writing to the county commissioners of the 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, EXCEPT IN CARROLL COUNTY,}-~~ sustained by the owner.