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Public General Law

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CHAPTER 497

LAWS OF MARYLAND, 1918

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 195 to 201, inclusive, of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Revenue and Taxes," sub-title "Taxation of Dogs," providing for the protection of sheep, poultry and live stock and imposing license fees on dogs.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 195 to 201, inclusive, of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Taxation of Dogs," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

195. On or before the first day of July, 1918, and on or before the first day of July of each year thereafter, the owner of any dog, six months old or over, shall apply either orally or in writing, to the County Treasurer or Clerk to the County Commissioners in Counties having no Treasurer of the county in which he or she resides or to a Justice of the Peace of any district in said county for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him, and such application shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar ($1.00) for each male dog or each spayed female dog, and a fee of two dollars for each unspayed female dog, and provided that a kennel license shall be issued for ten dollars ($10.00) to persons owning or keeping not in excess of twenty-five dogs and that a kennel license fee of twenty dollars ($20.00) shall be issued to persons keeping more than twenty-five dogs. The said license or fee shall be the only license or tax required for the ownership or keeping of said dog or dogs. Such license shall be issued on a form prepared and supplied by the county commissioners. Such license shall be dated and numbered, and shall contain a description of the dog licensed. All licenses shall be void upon the first day of July of the following year. The county commissioners shall also furnish, and the county treasurer, or Justice of the Peace, issuing the license, shall issue, with each license, a metal tag. Such tag shall be affixed to a substantial collar. The collar shall be furnished by the owner, and with the tag attached shall at all times be kept on the dog for which the license is issued, except when confined in the kennel or when hunting in charge of an attendant.

196. The county commissioners of the several counties shall prepare, and furnish annually to the county treasurer, Clerk to County Commissioners in Counties having no Treasurer, and to the Justice of the Peace of the respective counties metal tags to be given to the owners of dogs when such owners shall pay the license fee of said dogs. Such tags shall be of metal, and shall have serial numbers corresponding with the number on the license issued to said owner, as provided in the preceding section of this Act. Such tags shall also have impressed thereon the calendar year for which such tag is issued, and shall not be more than one inch in length, and shall be equipped with a substantial metal fastening device. The general shape of said tag shall be changed from year to year, and the tags furnished owners of kennels shall have the word "kennel" thereon. If any such tag is lost it shall be replaced by the county treasurer, or Justic of the Peace, upon application by the person to whom the original license was issued, upon production of such license and payment of a fee of twenty-five cents.

107. Any Justice of the Peace of the several counties after having received and receipted for necessary blanks and tags, may issue such dog licenses and tags in like manner as prescribed for the issuance of licenses by the county treasurer. When a license is issued by the Justice of the Peace, the said Justice of the Peace may retain as his fee for the issuance of said license, reporting the same, and remitting payment therefor, to the County Treasurer, of Clerk of the County Commissioners in Counties having no Treasurer, the sum of twenty-five cents. Such report and remittance shall be made by the Justice of the Peace at the end of each month; whereupon the county treasurer shall make a record of, and otherwise treat, said license as though it had been issued from his office, except that he shall also note upon his record the name of the Justice issuing the license. Every Justice of the Peace shall deliver the book or books from which he had issued licenses, together with the stubs therein properly filled out and showing the names of each license and the number of the license issued, to him, to the county treasurer or Clerk to the County Commissioners in Counties having no Treasurer before the first day July of each year.

Any person becoming the owner, after the first day July of any year, of any dog six months old or over which has not already been licensed, or any person owing or keeping a dog which becomes six months old at any time after the first day of July of any year, shall forthwith apply for and secure a license for such dog in the same manner as the annual license is obtained under the provisions of this Act.

198. Any person may kill any dog which he sees in the act of pursuing, worrying, wounding or killing any poultry or live stock, or attacking human beings whether or not such dog bears the proper license tag required by these provisions. There shall be no liability on such persons in damages or otherwise for such killing. Any unlicensed dog that enters any field or yard shall constitute a private nuisance and the owner or tenant of such field or ward, or other agent or servant, may kill such dog while it is in the field or yard without liability or responsibility of any nature for such killing and any person may kill a female dog running at large while in heat without liabilities therefor.

199. All monies arising from the dog licenses or taxes shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer of the respective counties, and shall be used for the payment of damages for the injury and killing of sheep, poultry or other livestock in said respective counties. In the event the same are not sufficient for the payment of all such damages the said damages shall be paid in the order the claims are presented, and any person or persons whose claims are not paid in any one year by reason of the lack of money to the credit of the said fund, which is to be designated "The Dog License Fund," shall be paid out of the first money coming into the fund after his claim is reached, and shall be paid in the order in which said claims are proved and filed; and any claims now filed and passed upon, but remaining unpaid, shall have preference over any new claims in the order of payment. Any fund in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000) remaining in the hands of the treasurer of any county ofter the payment of the claims as aforesaid, unused for such purpose at the end of each fiscal year, shall be used by said county either for the public schools, or for the public roads, as the board of county commissioners of said county may direct.

200. When any inhabitant of any County shall have any sheep, poultry or live stock destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs, he may apply to any Justice of the Peace of said County, who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained, and they, or a majority of them, under oath, shall state in writing to the County Commissioners of said County, the number of sheep, poultry or live stock killed, the character and extent of the injury, if any done, and the amount of the damages sustained by the owner; and both the appraisers and the owner of the sheep, poultry or live stock shall make oath that they believe the same to have been destroyed by a dog or dogs; and when the report of such proceeding 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. And if the owner of the dog or dogs doing the damages 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, but in case the said owner or owners should refuse 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.

201. Any person violating or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace of the County in which he resides, or in the Circuit Court of said County, shall be fined a sum of not less than five dollars ($5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars ($25.00); or shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than thirty days, or shall be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the Court. Provided that nothing in this Act shall apply to the City of Baltimore. All laws or parts of laws, whether public general laws or public local laws, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1918.

Approved April 19th, 1918.

EMERSON C. HARRINGTON, Governor.

HERBERT R. WOODEN, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

PETER J. CAMPBELL, President of the Senate.

(Place of the Great Seal of the State of Maryland.)

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CHURCH NOTES

Services for Sunday, June 30 th at Wesley Chapel as follows: Sunday school at 9.30 a. m., Elwood Burgess, Supt.,; morning worship at 10.30 a. m., subject "Endurance;" open air service at 7.45 p. m., subject "Witnessing."

Kesley Chapel, Broad Neck, Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. preaching at 3.30 p. m. Everybody welcome. A. F. T. Raum, pastor.

Rev. A. F. T. Raum, pastor at Wesley Chapel, desires to thank all who assisted in the festival at which they cleared $140. H. E. Wood furnished fine light with his Delco system.

Eleven members have been taken in at Kesley Chapel recently and the work is progressing finely.

There will be services at old St. Stephen's Church, Earleville, Cecil county, tomorrow, Sunday morning, at 11 a. m. Dr. Samuel Burk will preach a special sermon on the war and a choir of male voices will sing the service.

Chestertown M. E. Church—9.30 a. m., Sunday school; 10.30 a. m., sermon, subject "Life Made Strong by the Girdle of Truth;" 7 p. m., Epworth League and short sermon.

Christ M. P. Church, Rev. J. L. Ward, pastor, Sunday services: Sunday school, Fred. G. Usilton, supt., 10 a. m,. morning worship, "The Ministry of Surprise," 11 a. m.; short evening service, "The Power of the Cross." 7 p. m.; prayer meeting, on Thursday, 8 p. m.; Intermediate, Friday 7 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

Service at I. U. Sunday at 10.30 a. m.; Betterton at 4 p. m. Hereafter the services by me will be as follows: First and third Sundays, I. U., at 10.30 a. m.; second and fourth Sundays, Shrewsbury, 10.30 a. m. Every Sunday afternoon at Betterton, excepting on fifth Sunday, at 10.30 a. m., for holy communion. Those who are interested in these services will please take due notice and be governed accordingly.

Russell Wheatley has accepted a position as telegraph operator on one of the New York papers.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

The following resignations have been received by the Board of Education:

Mr. Thos. F. Hubbard, Manual Training Teacher at Rock Hall; Miss Sue W. Dumbracco from the Chestertown Elementary school; Miss BarbaraT. Willis, from the Chestertown High school. Miss Blanche Scotton from Galena school; Miss Helen T. Russell from Worton. Miss Araminta Brinsfield, asst. Prin. at Rock Hall High school has been granted a year's leave of absence. Miss Brinsfield will take a course at Johns Hopkins.

The following teachers of Kent county and graduates of the Chestertown High School will attend Summer school at the State Normal School, Baltimore, which opened Monday, June 24th and Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, which opens July 5th: Misses Helen Baxter, Mary Crew, Rebecca Davis, Mamie Donahoe, Catherine Gilpin, Margaret Harris, Blanche Huhn, Maude Middleton, Anna Radnor, Maude Robinson, Helen Stradley, Mary O. Wilkins, Mary Wilis, Cynthia Clendaniel, Mary Moore, Dorothy Dill.

TO HELP FARMERS

At a special meeting of the Chestertown merchants on Tuesday night association decided to co-operate in every way possible in helping the farmers of this section to horvest their crops. A committee was appointed to go into the subject in detail and in a few days this committee hopes to get pledges from all persons in Chestertown who are willing to give some time if necessity arises to work on the farm.

The merchants also decided to stand by the State's Attorney and Sheriff in helping to enforce the work law which says that every able bodied man between 18 and 50 shall work six days a week.

MILLINGTON

Ollie Short and Earle Carter, of Dover, visited friends in town Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Clun Braniger and Miss Doris Hazel, of Baltimore, are guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Paul Comegys.

Misses Stella Moffett and Mildred Wheatman, of near town, left last Monday for Ocean City, Md., where they will take a six-week's summer school course.

Martin Painter, of Haddonfield, N. J., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Mary B. Aydelotte.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Asbury M. E. Church was held on Thursday evening at the home Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

Charles D. Moore and William Jacobs spent last Sunday with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Emily Nickerson, of Knoxville, Tenn., is spending two weeks with her mother. Mrs. George Everett, near town.

Mrs. Mollie Newnam, of Massey, visited Mrs. Sudler Weist on Wednesday of last week.

Services tomorrow, June 30th, at Asbury M. E. Church, will be as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday school, subject "(Review) Jesus Christ Our Redeemer and Lord," by the pastor, Rev. D. J. Moore; 8 p. m., song service; Friday, 8.30 p. m., prayer meeting.

Miss Anna Dudley, of Baltimore, visited her grandfather, Dr. N. Comegys, this week.

Mrs. J. M. Mitchell was the guest of relatives at Dover on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. R. E. Feddeman, her daughter, Miss Mary and two sons, Richard and William, are spending a few weeks with her brother, William E. Cacy, of Dumon, N. J.

Miss Lydia Jones spent several days at Ocean City, Md.

Miss Anna Clough, of Wilmington, is spending sometime with her grandmother, Mrs. John Bottomley.

KENNEDYVILLE

Lieut. Stewart's wife, of Baltimore, has been visiting Mrs. Chas. Hague.

The Ladies Aid met Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Othoson.

Mrs. Alex. Kennedy and two sons, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with her son, Lloyd Kennedy.

Miss Nellie Geise, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mrs. Lullu Dukes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Othoson spent Sunday with his brothers, of Middletown, Del.

Sunday evening at 8 p. m. will be Christian Endeavor topic "Progressive Christians," the leader will be Harry Stanly. We hope to see a large attendance. We have not had a meeting for a long time, but now we want to get down to real work and have a thriving Christian Endeavor meeting every Sunday evening.

Mrs. James Haggerty and little daughter are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haggerty.

Miss Susie Krusen, of Still Pond, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett.

Private George Wiltbank and Rodger Kennedy, of Camp Meade, spent Sunday home.

Miss Mary Wiltbank is improving at this writing.

Private George Pennington, son of L. A. Pennington, who is now at Camp Meade is very much pleased at being placed with 304 motor supply train Company C. George is fond of autos.

STILL POND NOTES

Mr. W. H. Hackett and son, Laurie, spent Monday in Baltimore.

Julian Toulson, of Philadelphia, visited his mother, Mrs. Susie Toulson, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Hurlock, and Mrs. Howard Owen, of Washington, spent Sunday at the parsonage.

Christian and Laurence Krusen, who work in Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Krusen.

Quite a number from here attended the W. C. T. U. Convention in Chestertown Thursday of this week.

D. J. H. Kelley spent last Saturday in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conway, Mrs. Jessie Bockmiller and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Baltimore, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Moore.

Mrs. S. B, Parrott is visiting Baltimore.

The Epworth League service will be led Sunday evening by William Fogwell.

Our Red Cross Auxiliary will have its annual election of officers next Tuesday. A full attendance is desired, both for this important work, also for an increased output of hospital garments, one that will bespeak a patriotism worthy of our locality. All are welcome.

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