

SENATE....No. 106.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, March 17, 1864.

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was recommitted the Bill relating to Sheep Husbandry, report the same in a new draft.

Per order,

ADMIRAL A. WARD, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT

For the Protection of Sheep Husbandry, amendatory of Chapter Eighty-eight of the General Statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 SECT. 1. Every owner or keeper of a dog shall
2 annually, on or before the thirtieth day of April,
3 cause it to be registered, numbered, described and
4 licensed, for one year from the first day of the ensuing
5 May, in the office of the clerk of the city or town
6 wherein he resides, and shall cause it to wear around
7 its neck a collar, distinctly marked with its owner's
8 name and registered number, and shall pay for such
9 license two dollars for a male dog, and five dollars for
10 a female dog.

1 SECT. 2. Any person becoming the owner or
2 keeper of a dog not duly licensed, on or after the first
3 day of May, shall cause said dog to be registered,
4 numbered, described and licensed until the first day
5 of the ensuing May, in the manner and subject to
6 the terms and duties prescribed in the preceding
7 section.

1 SECT. 3. The clerk shall issue the license and
2 receive the money therefor, and pay the same from
3 time to time into the treasury of the county to which
4 the cities and towns respectively belong, retaining to
5 his own use ten cents for each license.

1 SECT. 4. Whoever keeps a dog, contrary to the
2 provisions of this act, shall forfeit fifteen dollars, to
3 be recovered by complaint, to the use of the county.

1 SECT. 5. The assessors of the cities and towns
2 shall annually take a list of all dogs owned or kept
3 in their respective cities and towns, on the first day
4 of May, with the owners' or keepers' names, and
5 return the same to the town clerk on or before the
6 first day of June.

1 SECT. 6. Mayors of cities, and the selectmen of
2 towns, shall annually, within ten days from the first
3 day of May, issue a warrant, in due form of law, to
4 one or more of the police officers or constables,
5 directing them to proceed forthwith, either to kill or
6 cause to be destroyed all dogs going at large and not
7 licensed and collared according to the provisions of
8 this act, or to enter a complaint against the keepers

9 of such dogs, for the collection of the fine imposed by
10 section three. Such officers, when not otherwise paid
11 for their services, shall receive from the county treas-
12 ury one dollar for each dog so destroyed, or for a
13 conviction for a violation of this act, upon complaint
14 and evidence furnished by them.

1 SECT. 7. The mayors of cities, and the selectmen
2 of towns, shall, after issuing their warrant to police
3 officers or constables, forthwith certify that fact under
4 oath to the district attorney.

1 SECT. 8. Whoever suffers loss by the worrying,
2 maiming or killing of his sheep, lambs, or other
3 domestic animals, by dogs, may forthwith, whenever
4 it comes to his knowledge, inform the mayor of the
5 city, or the chairmen of the selectmen of the town,
6 wherein the damage was done, who shall appoint two
7 disinterested persons, who, with the mayor or chairman
8 of the selectmen, shall proceed to the premises where
9 the damage was done, and determine whether the
10 damage was inflicted by dogs, and if so, appraise said
11 damage. The amount of said damage shall be certi-
12 fied to by the board of appraisers, and transmitted to
13 the county commissioners, who shall, during the
14 month of December, examine all such bills, and, when
15 any doubt exists, may summon the appraisers, and
16 make such examination as they may think proper,
17 when they shall order the treasurer to pay all, or any
18 part thereof, as equity and justice may require. Said
19 board of appraisers shall receive from the county
20 treasury the sum of one dollar each for each and
21 every examination.

1 SECT. 9. Any town, city or county officer refusing
2 or neglecting to perform the duties herein imposed
3 upon him, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding
4 one hundred dollars, to be paid into the county
5 treasury.

1 SECT. 10. The provisions of this chapter shall
2 extend to all cities, towns and districts.

1 SECT. 11. All laws inconsistent with the provisions
2 of this act are hereby repealed.

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