

*Chap.*259 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RETURNS OF CERTIFICATES OF DAMAGE BY DOGS, AND TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR PAYING OVER THE MONEY RECEIVED FOR LICENSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Damages done by dogs. Return of certificates of appraisals.

SECTION 1. The mayors of cities and the chairman of selectmen of towns shall return the certificates of appraisals of damages done to domestic animals by dogs, made by them in accordance with the provisions of section ninety-eight of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes, to the treasurer of the county where the damage is done within ten days after such appraisal is made. The treasurer shall thereupon submit the same, except in the county of Suffolk, to the county commissioners who shall within thirty days examine the same and proceed as provided in said section ninety-eight. The treasurer shall pay all orders drawn upon him for the above purpose in full on or after the first day of July in each year, if the gross amount received by him for dog licenses and not previously paid out under the provisions of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes relating to dogs is sufficient therefor, otherwise he shall pay such amount pro rata upon such orders in full discharge thereof on demand.

Money to be paid over in June and December.

SECTION 2. Section eighty-four of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "day of" in the fourth and fifth lines thereof and inserting the words:—days of June and December,—so that it shall read:—the chief of police of Boston and the clerks of other cities and towns shall issue said licenses and receive the money therefor and pay the same into the treasuries of their respective counties, except in the county of Suffolk, on or before the first days of June and December of each year, retaining to their own use twenty cents for each license, and shall return therewith a sworn statement of the amount of moneys thus received and paid over by them. They shall also keep a record of all licenses issued by them with the names of the keepers or owners of dogs licensed, and the names, registered numbers and descriptions of all such dogs.

Record to be kept.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 1, 1886.*