

HOUSE No. 1294

By Mr. Quinn of Spencer, petition of the Massachusetts Federation of Poultry Associations relative to reimbursement for dog damages in certain cases. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOG DAMAGES IN CERTAIN CASES.

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

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 161A and inserting in place thereof the
3 following new section:—

4 *Section 161A.* No owner of live stock or fowls shall be
5 reimbursed for damages inflicted by his own dog or dogs. No
6 reimbursement shall be made on account of damages by a dog
7 to deer, elk, cottontail rabbits, northern hares, pheasants,
8 quail, partridge and other live stock or fowls determined by
9 the department of conservation to be wild unless they shall
10 be kept in proper houses or in suitable enclosed yards. No
11 reimbursement shall be made for damage by a dog to dogs,
12 cats and other pets. Awards shall in no case exceed the fair
13 value of such live stock or fowls.

