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1919.

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MARCH 19, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend sections eighteen and nineteen of an act approved the eleventh day of July one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws eight hundred eighteen) entitled "An act relating to dogs and the protection of livestock and poultry from damage by dogs providing for the licensing of dogs regulating the keeping of dogs and authorizing their destruction in certain cases providing for the protection of licensed dogs and for dogs temporarily imported for trial show and breeding purposes prescribing certain privileges for hunting dogs and dogs owned or used by the Board of Game Commissioners providing for the assessment of damages done by dogs and payment thereof by the proper county to the owners of livestock and poultry and of damages to licensed dogs imposing powers and duties on certain State

county city borough town and township officers and
employees and on city councils of cities of the first
and second class and providing penalties”

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 section eighteen of an act approved the eleventh day of
5 July one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet
6 Laws eight hundred eighteen) entitled “An act relating to
7 dogs and the protection of livestock and poultry from
8 damage by dogs providing for the licensing of dogs,
9 regulating the keeping of dogs and authorizing their de-
10 struction in certain cases providing for the protection of
11 licensed dogs and for dogs temporarily imported for trial
12 show and breeding purposes prescribing certain privileges
13 for hunting dogs and dogs owned or used by the Board
14 of Game Commissioners providing for the assessment of
15 damages done by dogs and payment thereof by the
16 proper county to the owners of livestock and poultry and
17 damages to licensed dogs imposing powers and duties on
18 certain State county city borough town and township of-
19 ficers and employees and on city councils of cities of the
20 first and second class and providing penalties” which reads
21 as follows

22 “Section 18 It shall be the duty of every police
23 officer to seize and detain any dog or dogs which bear
24 a proper license tag and which are found running at
25 large and unaccompanied by its owner or keeper It
26 shall be the duty of every police officer to kill any

1 dog which does not bear a proper license tag which is
2 found running at large The chief of police or his
3 agents of any city the high constable of any borough
4 or the constable of any borough not having a high con-
5 stable and the constable of any incorporated town or
6 township shall cause any dog bearing a proper license
7 tag and so seized and detained to be properly kept and
8 fed and shall cause immediate notice either personal or
9 by registered mail to be given to the person in whose
10 name the license was procured or his agent to claim
11 such dog within ten days The owner of a dog so de-
12 tained shall pay all reasonable expenses incurred by rea-
13 son of its detention under the provisions of this section
14 before the dog is returned" is hereby amended to read
15 as follows

16 Section 18 It shall be the duty of every police of-
17 ficer to seize and detain any dog or dogs which are
18 found running at large and unaccompanied by its owner
19 or keeper The chief of police or his agents of any
20 city the high constable of any borough or the constable
21 of any borough not having a high constable and the
22 constable of any incorporated town or township shall
23 cause any dog so seized and detained to be properly
24 kept and fed and shall cause immediate notice either
25 personal or by registered mail to be given to the owner
26 or his agent if known to claim such dog within ten
27 days If the owner of such dog seized as aforesaid is
28 unknown the police officer or constable shall detain such
29 dog for a period of three days to give the owner

1 thereof opportunity to claim such dog The owner of a
2 dog so detained shall pay all reasonable expenses incurred
3 by reason of its detention under the provisions of this
4 section before the dog is returned

5 Section 2 That section nineteen of said act which
6 reads as follows

7 "Section 19 If after ten days from the giving of
8 such notice such dog has not been claimed such chief
9 of police or his agent constable or high constable shall
10 dispose of such dog by sale or by destruction in some
11 humane manner No dog so caught and detained shall be
12 sold for the purpose of vivisection All moneys derived
13 from the sale of such dog after deducting the expense
14 of its detention shall be paid to the county treasurer
15 and by him placed in the county fund For services
16 under sections eighteen and nineteen of this act such
17 officers shall be paid the sum of one dollar for detain-
18 ing a licensed dog and the sum of one dollar for the
19 killing of a dog All expenses incurred under this act
20 or the preceding section and not otherwise provided for
21 shall be paid by the proper county" is hereby amended
22 to read as follows

23 Section 19 If after ten days from the giving of
24 such notice to the owner or if after three days where
25 the owner of such dog is unknown such dog has not
26 been claimed such chief of police or his agent constable
27 or high constable shall dispose of such dog by sale or
28 by destruction in some humane manner No dog so caught
29 and detained shall be sold for the purpose of vivisection

1 All moneys derived from the sale of such dog after de-
2 ducting the expense of its detention shall be paid to
3 the county treasurer and by him placed in the county
4 fund For services under sections eighteen and nineteen of
5 this act such officers shall be paid the sum of one
6 dollar for detaining a dog and the sum of one
7 dollar for the killing of a dog All expenses incurred
8 under this act or the preceding section and not other-
9 wise provided for shall be paid by the proper county