

No. 264.

AN ACT

Relating to Dogs in Allegheny, Chester, Northampton, Schuylkill and Lancaster counties.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That

Dogs, registering of.

the respective clerks of the court of quarter sessions of the counties of Allegheny, Chester, Northampton, Schuylkill and Lancaster, shall, as soon after the passage of this act as possible, procure a docket, at the expense of the county, for the registering of dogs in the manner following, to wit: The owner of any dog within the counties of Allegheny, Chester, Northampton, Schuylkill and Lancaster, who shall furnish to the clerk aforesaid a description of his or her dog, giving the name, age, color, height, and such other marks, description and designation as he or she may be able to give, the clerk shall enter the same at length on his docket, and furnish the owner with a certified copy of the registry so made, for which services the clerk shall receive the sum of one dollar, one-half for the use of the county in which such registry is made.

Transfer of certificates.

SECTION 2. That the owner of any dog so registered selling the same, may transfer such certificate of registry to the purchaser, who, on presenting the same to the clerk, shall note the transfer on his docket, and index the same in the name of the person purchasing, and the same shall stand to his or her benefit and advantage; and so of all future purchasers observing the provisions of this section, as fully and effectually, as for the person in whose name the same was first registered, for which entry of transfer and indexing the same, the clerk shall be entitled to receive the sum of twelve and a half cents.

Dogs personal property.

SECTION 3. That all dogs registered according to the provisions of this act, are hereby declared to be personal property; and such dogs so registered as aforesaid, shall be as much the subject of larceny, as any other kind of personal property; and every person so stealing and taking away such dog, shall be liable to prosecution and indictment in the court of quarter sessions, and on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced by such fine or imprisonment, or both, as the court in their discretion may think proper.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.