

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO HEAR AND ALLOW CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES ON ACCOUNT OF SHEEP KILLED OR INJURED BY A DOG OR DOGS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE SAME.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Any person whose sheep are killed or injured by a dog or dogs, not owned or controlled by him, may present to the board of supervisors of the county in which said killing or injury occurred, a detailed account of such injury or killing, which shall also state the date thereof, the age, sex and value of all sheep injured or killed and amount of damage claimed and whether the owner of the dog or dogs is known, and if so, giving the name and address of such owner, which statement shall be verified by the affidavit of the claimant and be filed with the county Auditor within sixty days after the injury or killing occurred.

Sec. 2. Thereupon the Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine said claim at some subsequent meeting of said board to be held not less than ten days after such claim is filed; and shall allow the same in whole or in part, upon satisfactory proof that said claim is just and that the owner of the dog or dogs is unknown or is financially irresponsible; and shall authorize the auditor to issue warrants to such claimant for an amount not exceeding seventy-five per cent of the damages sustained, said warrant to be paid out of the dog tax fund of said county.

Sec. 3. The treasurer of said county shall pay said warrant between the first and tenth days of January in each year; and if said dog tax fund is insufficient to pay said warrants in full, he shall pay a pro rata amount upon each of said warrants; and thereupon said warrants shall be cancelled; and in no event shall the county be liable for a total amount in excess of the dog receipts.