

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §19-9-37**

## **§19-9-37. Payment of indemnity for animals slaughtered as tuberculous.**

After an animal shall have been slaughtered as tuberculous, the veterinarian shall forthwith forward to the commissioner the certificates of appraisal and slaughter, together with the owner's claim for indemnity, and his affidavit that he has, in all respects, complied with the agreement provided for in section twenty-eight of this article and with the requirements of the commissioner in respect thereto. If the commissioner find the same to be correct, he shall approve them and within thirty days file them with the county court of the county in which such animals are owned at the time they were condemned as tuberculous. If the county court, upon examination of the certificates filed as aforesaid and of the affidavit of the claimant and any evidence that may be presented, shall find the claim is regular and not barred by the provisions of section twenty-nine of this article, and the facts therein set up are true, and that the claimant is entitled to indemnity as herein provided, the county court shall make an order allowing the claimant one half of the value of the certificate of appraisal, which shall be paid upon the order of the county court out of the General Funds of the county. The commissioner shall at the end of the fiscal year issue his requisition to the State Auditor for the payment of the remaining one half of the value of the certificate of appraisal, and the Auditor shall issue his warrant upon the state Treasurer, in favor of the claimant, for such amount, which shall be paid out of the current appropriations made for carrying out the provisions of this article: Provided, That in case the amount of such certificates of appraisal and those similarly provided for in section thirty-three of this article in any one year shall exceed the current appropriation therefor, such certificates shall be paid pro rata at the end of each fiscal year: Provided further, That any amount of indemnity paid by the federal government shall be deducted equally from the amounts paid by the county and state, respectively.