WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1957

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HOUSE BILL No. 337

(By Mr. Terry)

PASSED Feb 26, 1957

In Effect July 1, 1957
AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty, article nine, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to appraisal of diseased animals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section thirty, article nine, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 30. Appraisal of Diseased Animals; Amount; Arbitration; Fees of Arbitrators.—The commissioner or his agent shall act as appraiser and appraise each diseased animal within five days prior to the date of slaughter, basing the amount upon the class and market value of the animal at the time of the appraisal, whether for breeding purposes or for milk or meat production. Animals
reacting to any approved test, but not exhibiting any
physical evidence of disease, shall be appraised without
considering the presence of a diseased condition, but
animals exhibiting any physical evidence of disease shall
be appraised as diseased animals: Provided, however,
That where indemnities are claimed for animals slaugh-
tered on account of being infected with rabies, appraise-
ment shall be based on the value of the animals before it
became infected. The amount of appraisal for a non-
registered equine animal shall not exceed seventy-five
dollars, for a registered equine animal one hundred dol-
lars, for a nonregistered bovine animal one hundred and
fifty dollars, for a registered bovine animal two hundred
and fifty dollars, for a nonregistered swine twenty-five
dollars, for a registered swine forty dollars, for a non-
registered sheep ten dollars, and for a registered sheep
twenty-five dollars. If the amount of appraisal of any
animal, as determined by the appraiser is not satisfactory
to the owner of the animal, a written notice of such fact
setting forth the reason for complaint shall be made at
once to the appraiser. The amount of the appraisal shall
then be determined by arbitration, one to be appointed by the appraiser and one by the owner of the animal. If these arbitrators are not able to agree as to the amount of appraisal, a third arbitrator shall be appointed by them, whose decision shall be final. Each arbitrator shall be paid one dollar for each appraisement of five or less than five animals, and two dollars if more than five animals are appraised. Compensation for the arbitrators appointed by the owner and the appraiser shall be paid by the party appointing such arbitrator, and in case a third arbitrator is chosen, such arbitrator shall be paid by the party against whom the decision is made.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect July 1, 1957

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker, House of Delegates

The within approved this the 7th day of March, 1957.

Governor

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