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**REGULAR SESSION, 1980**

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*Committee Substitute for*  
**SENATE BILL NO. 157**

(By Mr. Rallins)

PASSED March 7 1980

In Effect ninety days from Passage



No. 157

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FOR

## Senate Bill No. 157

(MR. ROLLINS, *original sponsor*)

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[Passed March 7, 1980; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to permitting the county commissions to set the costs and fees for seized and impounded dogs.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

### **ARTICLE 20. DOGS.**

#### **§19-20-8. Impounding and disposition of dogs; costs and fees.**

1 All dogs seized and impounded as provided in this  
2 article, except dogs taken into custody under section two  
3 of this article, shall be kept housed and fed in the county  
4 dog pound for five days after notice of seizure and im-  
5 pounding shall have been given or posted as required  
6 by this article, at the expiration of which time all dogs  
7 which have not previously been redeemed by their  
8 owners as herein provided, shall be sold or humanely  
9 destroyed. No dog sold as herein provided shall be dis-  
10 charged from the pound until such dog shall have been  
11 registered and provided with a valid registration tag.

12 The owner, keeper or harbinger of any dog seized and  
13 impounded under the provisions of this article may, at  
14 any time prior to the expiration of five days from the  
15 time that notice of the seizure and impounding of the

16 dog shall have been given or posted as required by this  
17 article, redeem the same by paying to the dog warden or  
18 his authorized agent or deputy all of the costs assessed  
19 against such dog, and by providing a valid certificate of  
20 registration tag for such dog.

21 Reasonable costs and fees, in such amount as may be  
22 determined from time to time by the county commission,  
23 shall be assessed against every dog seized and impounded  
24 under the provisions of this article, except dogs taken  
25 into custody under section two of this article. Such cost  
26 shall be a valid claim in favor of the county against the  
27 owner, keeper or harbinger of any dog seized and im-  
28 pounded under the provisions of this article and not  
29 redeemed or sold as herein provided, and such costs shall  
30 be recovered by the sheriff in a civil action against such  
31 owner, keeper or harbinger.

32 A record of all dogs impounded, the disposition of such  
33 dogs, and a statement of costs assessed against each dog  
34 shall be kept by the dog warden and a transcript thereof  
35 shall be furnished to the sheriff quarterly.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Lawrence L. Chute  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Todd C. Wells  
Clerk of the Senate

D. W. Blankschlip  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. P. [Signature]  
President of the Senate

Cliff M. Lee, Jr.  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 21  
day of March, 1980.

[Signature]  
Governor



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