

No. 164

AN ACT

Making it unlawful to unnecessarily crop or cut off the ear or ears of dogs, or to show or exhibit such dogs, and providing for the registration of dogs so cut or cropped before this act becomes effective with the county treasurer.

Dogs.

Cropping ears made unlawful.

Certificate of veterinarian.

Prima facie evidence of violation.

Registration of dog with cropped ears.

Certificate.

Exhibition of cropped dog.

Violation.

Penalty.

Second offense.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage and approval of this act, it shall be unlawful for any person to crop or cut off, or to cause or procure to be cropped or cut off, the whole or part of the ear or ears of a dog, unless such person has in his or her possession a certificate of a duly licensed veterinarian stating that such cropping or cutting is necessary for the health of the dog.

The possession by any person of a dog with an ear or ears cut off or cropped and with the wound resulting therefrom unhealed, or any such dog being found in the charge or custody of any person or confined upon the premises owned by or under the control of any person, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section by such person, except as provided for in section 2 of this act.

Section 2. The owner of any dog whose ear or ears have been cut off or cropped before this act became effective may, if a resident of this Commonwealth, register such dog with the treasurer of the county wherein he resides, and if a nonresident of this Commonwealth with the treasurer of any county of this Commonwealth, by certifying, under oath, that the ear or ears of such dog were cut or cropped before this act became effective, and the payment of a fee of one dollar into the county treasury. The said treasurer shall thereupon issue to such person a certificate showing such dog to be a lawfully cropped dog.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to show or exhibit, or to procure the showing or exhibition of, any dog whose ear is or ears are cropped or cut off, in whole or in part, unless the person showing such dog has in his possession either a certificate of a duly licensed veterinarian stating that such cropping is necessary for the health of the dog, or a certificate of registration from a county treasurer showing that such dog was cut or cropped before this act became effective, as provided by this act.

Section 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceedings before any justice of the peace, alderman, or magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs of the proceedings, or undergo an imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, and, for a second or subsequent offense, be sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, or undergo imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days.

APPROVED—The 22d day of May, A. D. 1933.

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