

eight), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 446. Suppression of Animal and Plant Diseases.—The board of county commissioners is hereby authorized to appropriate money from county funds for the purpose of controlling and suppressing dangerous infectious disease of livestock and poultry, and dangerous plant diseases and insect pests, *and diseases to honey-bees*, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania.

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, the board of county commissioners may enter into agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture concerning terms, rules, regulations, and practices for conducting the work.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. When effective.

APPROVED—The 22d day of May, A. D. 1935.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 96

AN ACT

Providing for payment by the Commonwealth for loss of livestock heretofore sustained from rabies, where there is no proof of such livestock having been bitten by dogs.

Whereas, Under the "Dog Law of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one" uncertainty exists as to whether claims for loss of livestock from rabies may be paid, unless it can be shown that such livestock was actually bitten by a dog; and Preamble.

Whereas, Legislation is pending to remove said uncertainty and to make such claims payable in the future; and

Whereas, There exists a number of such claims that have been proven to the satisfaction of the Department of Agriculture, but which the department is not satisfied that it has the authority to pay; therefore

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That, whenever, heretofore, any person has sustained any loss of any livestock because of rabies, or any livestock of any person has been necessarily destroyed because of rabies, and such fact has been established to the satisfaction of a duly authorized agent of the Department of Agriculture, in the manner prescribed in the act, approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred twenty-two), known as the "Dog Law of one thousand nine hundred and twen- Loss of livestock caused by rabies.  
"Dog Law."

ty-one'' and its amendments, the amount of the loss so sustained, as determined by such agent of the Department of Agriculture, upon the approval of the report of such agent by the Secretary of Agriculture, shall be paid by the Commonwealth, notwithstanding the fact, that it has not been proven in such cases, that the bite of a dog caused the rabies, and the Secretary of Agriculture shall immediately draw a requisition in favor of the claimant for the amount of the loss such claimant has sustained, according to the report of such agent, together with necessary and proper costs incurred. Such amount shall be paid from any appropriation to the Department of Agriculture available for the purpose of paying claims for loss or damage to livestock, or poultry, by dogs.

When effective.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 22d day of May, A. D. 1935.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 97

### A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, approved the eighteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred forty), entitled "An act concerning declaratory judgments and decrees, and to make uniform the law relating thereto," prescribing the practice to be pursued in such proceedings.

Declaratory judgments and decrees.

Petition.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That (a) every proceeding for a declaratory judgment shall be commenced by a petition, filed in a court of record having jurisdiction over causes of action, complaints, or subject matters of the kind involved in the controversy alleged.

Form of petition.

(b) The petition shall be as brief as the nature of the case will admit, and shall be drawn in paragraphic form, the paragraphs to be numbered consecutively and each to contain but one material allegation. It shall have attached as exhibits copies of all writings depended upon by the petitioner, or the construction of which, he desires determined, and shall conclude with a prayer for the declaratory judgment or decree, the petitioner asks to be entered.

Endorsement.

Section 2. (a) The petition shall have endorsed thereon, a notice to the defendant or defendants as follows: "You are required to file an answer within fifteen days from the service of this copy upon you, and to enter a written appearance in the court named, to the term and number stated hereon, specifying a person and a place within the county where service may be made upon you of all other papers, processes, and no-