

BURIAL OF ANIMALS.

CHAPTER 36.

[H. B. 130.]

REQUIRING BURIAL OF ANIMALS.

AN ACT Requiring the Burial of Animals that Die from Disease.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. BURIAL OF ANIMALS.] It shall be the duty of the owner of any cattle or other domestic animals, or any person in the actual charge thereof of such animals, within this state, that die from or on account of any contagious disease (and the death of any such animal from disease shall be presumed to be contagious until the contrary is proven, also any such animal found dead shall be presumed to have died of such disease unless other causes of death are apparent), to cause the same within twenty-four hours after receiving knowledge of the death of such animal to be buried at least four feet below the surface of the ground and covered with dirt to that depth.

§ 2. DUTY OF OVERSEERS AND CORONER.] It is also hereby made the duty of all road and street overseers, under whatever name called, and of the county coroner in such districts where there are no road overseers to bury or cause to be buried all animals dying as in section 1 of this act when the same have been dead for thirty-six hours and are still unburied by the owner or person in charge thereof. The said road or street overseers and the said coroner are authorized to enter upon or into any premises where such dead cattle may be for the purpose of removing the same for burial and may bury the same on such premises, but must not bury said animals within one thousand feet of any dwelling house or barn. The board of county commissioners of such county shall allow such sums for such services as they may deem reasonable and the same shall be paid as other services for said county are paid. It is further provided that the owner of such animal or animals shall be liable to the county for such expenses, to be recovered in a civil action in the same manner as other debts are collected unless the owner pays said burial expenses within thirty days after being notified by the county auditor of the same, and no property except absolute exemptions shall be exempt from sale for the payment of any judgment that may be recovered against said owner, including costs and such attorney's fee as may be allowed by the court, not exceeding the

sum of twenty-five dollars, said attorney's fee to be paid into the general fund of the county.

§ 3. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that there is now no adequate provision for the burial of diseased animals, therefore this act shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Approved March 7, 1899.

BUTCHERS.

CHAPTER 37.

[H. B. 156.]

SHALL KEEP A RECORD.

AN ACT Requiring Butchers Killing Branded Cattle to Keep a Certain Record Pertaining Thereto, Make Report Thereof to the Secretary of State and Prescribing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. SHALL KEEP A RECORD.] Any butcher in the State of North Dakota who shall kill within said state any head of neat cattle upon which there is a brand, shall keep a record thereof showing from whom such animal was purchased, when and where purchased, and the place of residence of the person from whom purchased, the sex and age of the animal to the best of his knowledge, and a description of any and all brands thereon, which record shall be open to inspection during business hours by the state's attorney, or person authorized by him, of the county in which such butcher or person killing said cattle shall reside.

§ 2. BLANKS PROVIDED.] It shall be the duty of every butcher killing branded cattle within this state to make a verified report to the secretary of state on the first day of each and every month, the facts required to be made of record by section 1 of this act, upon blank forms which shall be provided for that purpose by said secretary and furnished to butchers upon application therefor without cost.

§ 3. A person engaged in the business of killing any of the animals mentioned in this act and selling the meat thereof, either at retail or wholesale, shall be deemed a butcher.

§ 4. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved March 6, 1899.