

CHAPTER 85.

Stock—Diseased.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An Act to suppress and prevent the dissemination of contagious or infectious diseases among domestic animals," approved March eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wyoming:

Arbitration re-
garding stock
ordered killed by
territorial veteri-
narian. SECTION 1. That section ten of an act entitled "An act to suppress and prevent the dissemination of contagious or infectious diseases among domestic animals,"

approved March eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, be amended by inserting after the word "report," in the ninth line of said section, and before the word "in," in the tenth line of said section, as follows: All claims for indemnity arising under the provisions of this act, shall, before they are presented for payment to the auditor, be submitted to the territorial veterinarian, who shall fully inform himself of the facts connected with each claim; if he shall be of the opinion that the claim is legal and just, he shall approve the same in writing endorsed thereon; if he shall be of the contrary opinion, he shall reject it in like manner, and in all cases he shall express in such endorsement the reasons for his approval or rejection, as the case may be. If the territorial veterinarian shall reject a claim, it shall then, together with the endorsement of the veterinarian, setting forth his reasons for such rejection, be submitted for determination to a board of arbitration, to consist of three members, which shall be formed as follows: The territorial veterinarian shall select as one member of said board one stock grower, who shall be a resident of the county wherein the slaughtered animals for which the claim is

made, ranged. The claimant shall select as another member of said board, another stock grower, who shall be a resident of the same county, and these two so selected shall choose the third member of the board from among the stock growers of the same county. The arbitrators shall have power to appoint a time and place for hearing; to adjourn from time to time; to administer oaths to witnesses; to hear the allegations and evidence of the parties, and to make an award thereon. All the arbitrators shall meet and act together during the investigation; but when met, a majority may determine any question. Before acting they shall each be sworn before an officer authorized to administer oaths, faithfully and fairly to hear and examine the allegations and evidence of the parties in relation to the claim in controversy; and to make a just finding according to their understanding and according to the provisions of this act. The award of the arbitrators shall simply be to the effect that they find the claim legal and just according to the provisions of this act, or the reverse, as the case may be. The award shall be in writing, signed by the arbitrators, or a majority of them, and shall be forwarded by them with all the papers submitted to

them, to the Territorial auditor. If the board of arbitrators shall concur with the territorial veterinarian in rejecting the claim, their decision shall be final. If the board of arbitrators shall find that the claim is legal and just, then the said claim shall in all respects be held as though the territorial veterinarian had in the first place approved the same.

Approved March

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That section ten of said act, approved March eight, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, be amended by striking out all after the word "thereof" in the sixteenth line of said section, up to and including the word "just" in the eighteenth line of said section.

Compensation of arbitrators.

SEC. 3. Each member of boards of arbitration formed and acting under the provisions of this act, shall receive for their services the sum of five dollars per day for each day they may be actually engaged and employed in the investigation of any claim, and shall be paid by the territorial veterinarian out of the "veterinarian contingent fund."

Payment of arbitrated claims.

SEC. 4. The territorial auditor shall pay no claim for indemnity under the said act, approved March eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, which shall have been rejected by the territorial veterinarian, unless the same shall have been submitted as hereinbefore provided, to a board of arbitration, and by such board decided to be legal and just. If any claimant shall refuse to submit his or her claim which shall have been rejected by the territorial veterinarian, to a board of arbitration as hereinbefore provided, such refusal shall be deemed conclusive evidence of a waiver of all claim for indemnity under the provisions of said act, approved March eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

In force.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1886.