

Chapter 519

**(Senate Bill 92)**

AN ACT concerning

**Secretary of Agriculture – Weed Control Law**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into an agreement with a county or other subdivision of the State to conduct surveys and perform other work related to noxious weeds or other plant species within the county or subdivision of the State; providing that the agreement between the Secretary and the county or subdivision of the State may be terminated by either party on 30 days' written notice; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the control of noxious weeds in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Agriculture  
Section 9–403  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Agriculture**

9–403.

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE” INCLUDES A SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

**(B) After an agreement between the Secretary and [the] A county OR OTHER SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE is executed, the Secretary and the county OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE may conduct surveys to determine the location and amount of infestation of a noxious weed or other plant species within the county OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.**

**(C) [Both] ALL parties may provide technical assistance to landowners in a cooperative control or eradication program, and may effect a program of mowing, spraying, or other control or eradication practices on any road right-of-way, drainage ditch bank, park, playground, and any other public or private land.**

**(D) The agreement between the Secretary and county OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE may be terminated by either party on 30 days' written notice.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**