

CHAPTER 18

(Senate Bill 74)

AN ACT concerning

State Tobacco Authority – Repeal

FOR the purpose of abolishing the State Tobacco Authority; specifying that the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, shall correct certain cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act; and generally relating to the abolition of the State Tobacco Authority.

BY repealing

Article – Agriculture

Section 7–101 through 7–419 and the title “Title 7. Tobacco”

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(2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–106(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7–101 through 7–419 and the title “Title 7. Tobacco” of Article – Agriculture of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Agriculture

2–106.

(a) The following positions and units are included within the Department:

[(1) The Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland;]

[(2)] (1) The Maryland Agricultural Fair Board;

[(3)] (2) The Chief of Weights and Measures;

- [(4)] (3) The State Chemist;
- [(5)] (4) The State Veterinarian;
- [(6)] (5) The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners;
- [(7)] (6) The State Soil Conservation Committee;
- [(8)] (7) The Board of Review of the Department of Agriculture;
- [(9)] (8) The Maryland Agricultural Commission;
- [(10)] (9) The Maryland Horse Industry Board;
- [(11)] (10) The Seafood Marketing and Aquaculture Development Program and Division of Market Development;
- [(12)] (11) The Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission;
- [(13)] (12) The Maryland Winery and Grape Growers' Advisory Board;
- [(14)] (13) The Aquaculture Review Board; and
- [(15)] (14) The Aquaculture Coordinating Council.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any balance remaining in the Tobacco Authority Fund after the effective date of this Act shall revert to the General Fund.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by the General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act or by any other Act of the General Assembly of 2009 that affects provisions enacted by this Act. The publisher shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.