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The Department of Agriculture traces its origin to the Maryland Agricultural College (chartered in 1856), which is now known as the University of Maryland. Trustees of the college served as the State Board of Agriculture (Chapter 326, Acts of 1888). This board was abolished in 1972, when the Department of Agriculture was created (Chapter 342, Acts of 1972). In the same year, the following agencies were abolished and their functions transferred to the Department: the State Horticultural Department, the State Entomologist, the State Pathologist, the State Horticulturist, the Department of Drainage, the State Drainage Engineer, and the Maryland State Department of Markets (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-107).

The Department of Agriculture consists of the following offices, boards, commissions, and agencies: Office of the Secretary, Office of Animal Health and Consumer Services, Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management, and Office of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation.

The Office of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation encompasses the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, the Maryland State Apple Commission, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the State Tobacco Authority, the State Soil Conservation Committee, the State Soil Conservation Administration, and the State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables.

The Department also has a Board of Review, and the Secretary appoints the State Chemist, State Veterinarian, and the Chief of Weights and Measures.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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The Office of the Secretary is responsible for the overall executive direction and leadership of the Department.

The Secretary is the chief executive officer for the Department and is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

This office includes the Office of the Assistant Attorney General, internal audit and public infor-

mation functions, and the centralized administrative functions of the Administrative Services Section, including fiscal services, data processing, personnel, and central services (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-108).

BOARD OF REVIEW

Angelo F. Palmisano, *Chairperson*, 1984

Charles E. Brown, 1986; John C. Herbst, 1986; Margaret G. Prouty, 1986; Roger L. Richardson, 1986; Paul A. Crowl, 1984; Donald A. Wilber, 1984.

(Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-405).