

1904, art. 48, sec. 55. 1896, ch. 290, sec. 54. 1898, ch. 289.
1906, ch. 509, secs. 55 and 55 A.

53. It shall be the duty of said state horticulturist, state entomologist and state pathologist, their assistants and employes, under the control of trustees of said college, to seek out and suppress all pernicious insects, pests and contagious disease hereinbefore mentioned as destructive to horticultural and agricultural interests of this State, and conduct experiments, when necessary, to accomplish that end. It shall be the duty of the state horticulturist to carry out the work of the horticultural investigation and experimentation, under the direction of the Maryland Experiment Station.

Ibid. sec. 56. 1896, ch. 290, sec. 55. 1906, ch. 509, sec. 56.

54. In order to accomplish the purpose of this sub-title the state horticulturist, state entomologist and the state pathologist, their assistants and employes, or any other officer, assistant or employe appointed by said board of trustees, are hereby authorized to enter upon any public premises, parks, cemeteries or other premises, or upon any land of any firm, corporation or private individual within the State of Maryland for the purpose of inspecting, destroying, treating or experimenting upon the insects and diseases aforesaid. Should any insect or disease found by said state horticulturist, state entomologist or state pathologist, or by any other officers appointed by said trustees, be in their opinion capable of eradication without the destruction of the tree or plant, then said officers are to treat or cause to be treated with the proper remedies and appliances all such trees, vines, shrubs, plants and grains. Further, said state officers shall treat or have treated, in order to prevent the dissemination of the aforesaid insects or diseases, any and all suspicious trees, vines, shrubs, plants, and grains found to be in a dangerous proximity to those infested as aforesaid.

Ibid. sec. 57. 1896, ch. 290, sec. 56.

55. Should any of the officers aforesaid through their assistants and employes or by any notification whatsoever find any fruit trees, vines, shrubs, plants or grains infested or diseased with the aforesaid insects or diseases, the aforesaid officers shall mark or tag in some conspicuous way all trees, vines, shrubs, plants or grains, infested with the aforesaid diseases and shall give notice in writing to the owner or owners, tenants or persons in charge of such premises of the condition thereof, and thereupon if such person or persons so notified shall not within ten (10) days after the notification destroy or treat the same in accordance with regulations and rules of said trustees, a copy of which will be sent on application to any person, then said trustees shall through their officers, assistants or employes, destroy or treat all such trees, plants, vines, shrubs and grains, and the State officers shall file a statement of the expenses of such destruction or treatment with the trustees of said college, and said trustees shall transmit a copy of such statement and account of such expenditure, with the usual affidavit attached thereto to be made by the State officers, which shall be sufficient evidence