

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That twelve new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supp.), title "Inspections", said new sections to be under a new sub-title "State Tobacco Authority", and to be known as Sections 59E to 59P, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 59D of said Article, and to read as follows:

STATE TOBACCO AUTHORITY.

59E. (Declaration of Policy.) The General Assembly hereby declares as its legislative policy that disturbed and confused conditions surrounding the marketing of leaf tobacco in this State make necessary the licensing and regulation of persons and agencies participating therein, the creation of a Tobacco Authority with power to regulate marketing practices, and the seeking of new markets and new uses for leaf tobacco produced in Maryland.

59F. (Authority Created; Members.) (a) The Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, is hereby created and constituted a body corporate, with authority to have and use a common seal, to sue and to be sued in a court of law, and to do any and all things as empowered by this sub-title or reasonably necessary and proper for accomplishing the purposes thereof.

(b) The Authority shall have five members, all to be appointed by the Governor. One member shall be a person familiar with the economics and marketing of Maryland tobacco, to be selected from a list of three nominees to be submitted by the University of Maryland, or some proper officer thereof. One shall be a representative of the several persons or agencies selling leaf tobacco in Maryland, to be selected from a list of three nominees submitted by the several tobacco selling agencies in Maryland, or any of them. Three members shall be at the time of their selection producers of tobacco in Maryland, and shall neither directly nor indirectly have any financial or other interest in the selling or buying of tobacco, except in so far as they have interests as producers; such three persons shall be selected from a list of ten nominees submitted by the Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc., and at least one of such three persons shall be a member of that political party which polled the second highest number of votes in the last preceding gubernatorial election. Provided, however, that no two members of the Authority shall be residents of the same County.

59G. (Tenure). Of the five members of the Authority first to be appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, two shall be appointed for terms of two years,