

certain injurious insects and diseases, to receive and expend any sums appropriated to such purpose and to cooperate with other State and Federal agencies in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Inspections", sub-title "State Horticultural Department", said new section to be known as Section 63A and to follow immediately after Section 63 of said Article and to read as follows:

63A. (a) It shall be the duty of the State Board of Agriculture, through the State Entomologist or its duly authorized officer or agent, to determine whether there exist infestations or infections which may be controlled in their spread or retarded by airplane dissemination of insecticides, fungicides and bactericides, and whether there exist animal or human diseases with a known or suspected anthorpod vector which may be controlled or their spread retarded by airplane dissemination of insecticides, fungicides and bactericides; and upon such a determination the State Board of Agriculture is authorized and empowered to employ such means of dissemination, the provisions of Section 9 of Article 1A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition) or on any other existing provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

(b) In order to accomplish the purposes of this section the State Board of Agriculture, through the State Entomologist or its duly authorized officer or agent, is authorized and empowered to expend such funds as may from time to time be appropriated in the State budget or otherwise for use in controlling incipient, emergency or long-standing insect, fungus or disease outbreaks which in the judgment of the State Board of Agriculture and its cooperating agencies require drastic treatment with respect to their immediate elimination as a menace to the economic welfare and health of the people of the State.

(c) The State Board of Agriculture, through the State Entomologist or its duly authorized officer or agent, is further authorized and empowered to receive from any individual, corporation, municipality or county funds for the purposes contemplated in this section and to expend the same for the purposes authorized herein; to employ personnel and to execute such work as may be undertaken pursuant to this section by contract or free account as it may deem to be in the best interest of the State.