

CHAPTER 289.

AN ACT to repeal sections 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58 of Article XLVIII of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Inspections," sub-title "Trees and Nursery Stock," as designated by Chapter 290 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1896, and to re-enact the same with amendments, under a new sub-title, to be known as "State Horticultural Department," and to add thereto eight new sections, to be designated 59, 59 A, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65, providing for the protection of the horticultural interests of the State by the suppression and extermination of the San Jose scale, peach-yellow, pear-blight and other injurious insect pests and plant diseases, and to create the offices of "State Entomologist," "State Pathologist" and "State Horticulturist," and to appropriate a sum of money therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58 of Article XLVIII of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Inspections," sub title "Trees and Nursery Stock," as passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, session 1896, chapter 290, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows :

Repeal

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established.

51. That a State Horticultural Department be established for the State of Maryland ; that its purpose is to suppress and eradicate the San Jose scale, peach-yellow, pear-blight and other injuriously dangerous insect pests and plant diseases throughout the State of Maryland.

Officers.

52. That the Professor of Entomology, the Professor of Vegetable Pathology, and the Professor of Horticulture of the Maryland Agricultural College and Experiment Station shall be the State Entomologist, State Pathologist and State Horticulturist, respectively.

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control.

53. That the said Horticultural Department shall be under the control of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Agricultural College and Experiment Station, to whom the officers created under this Act shall be responsible ; that the salary of the State Entomologist and State Pathologist shall be fixed by the said board of trustees, and the said board shall likewise fix the compensation of any assistant or assistants, employe or employes, and control all expenses thereof. That the expenses of said department shall be paid out of an appropriation here-