

pend the same in such a manner as will, in their judgment, best promote the development of the agricultural interests of the State of Maryland. They shall render annually to the Governor of the State a detailed statement of all funds received from the State and all other sources, and also of all expenditures made by them and the specific objects for which sums were expended. They shall make no appropriation unless they have funds on hand to meet the same. The members of the said Council shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of any debt created by the Council in the absence of funds in the treasury to meet such obligation; nor in any event shall a debt be contracted except by the concurrent vote of a quorum of the Council.

SEC. 4. The Executive Council shall, through the Secretary of the Society, render to the Governor of the State, an annual report of its transactions, published at the expense of the Society, which publication shall include such reports, addresses, papers and such other matter as said Council shall deem of value to agriculture and its allied branches.

SEC. 5. The Maryland Agricultural Society shall have power to adopt and enforce any by-laws and rules not in conflict with the Constitution and Laws of this State.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of June, 1916.

Approved April 18th, 1916.

CHAPTER 676.

AN ACT to provide for the taxation of freight line companies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any person or persons, joint stock association or corporation, wherever organized or incorporated, engaged in the business of operating cars, or engaged in the business of furnishing or leasing cars, not otherwise listed for taxation in Maryland, for the transportation of freight (whether such cars be owned by such company or by any other person or company), over any railway line or lines, in whole or in part within this State, such line or lines not being owned, leased or operated by such company, whether such cars be termed box, flat, coal, ore, tank, stock, gondola, furniture or refrigerator, or by some other name, shall be deemed a freight line company.