

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there are hereby added to Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, nine new sections to follow after Section 74, of said Article and to be known as Sections 74a, 74b, 74c, 74d, 74e, 74f, 74g, 74h and 74i; said new sections to read as follows:

74a. That the State Board of Agriculture, through its duly authorized officer or agent, shall conduct such inspection of apiaries, and such investigations and disseminate such information as to it may seem best to promote the bee-keeping industry in Maryland.

74b. No person shall keep a colony of bees affected with the disease known as foul brood, black brood or any other infectious or contagious disease harmful to honey bees in the egg, larval, pupal or adult state, except as provided by Section 74c of this Article; and every beekeeper, when he becomes aware of the existence of such a disease among his bees, shall at once notify the State Board of Agriculture, or its duly authorized officer or agent of the existence of the same. Any person who knowing that a contagious or infectious disease exists among his bees, sells, barter or gives away, or in any other way disposes of the same, in whole or in part, or any product of the same, or any hive, super, frame, section or other appliance used about the diseased bees, in such manner as to cause the spread of the disease, shall, upon conviction before a court or Justice of the Peace, be liable to penalties named in Section 74g of this Article.

74c. The State Board of Agriculture, through its duly authorized officer or agent, shall, upon the discovery of foul brood, black brood or other infectious or contagious diseases, send to the owner of the diseased bees an order in writing that such bees shall be held in quarantine until such time as the same are released by a written permit from said officer or agent, and bees so placed in quarantine shall not be removed from the premises of the owner under the penalties named in Section 74g of this Article.

74d. Upon the discovery of a case of foul brood, black brood or other infectious or contagious disease in any apiary or colony, the State Board of Agriculture, through its duly authorized officer or agent, shall give such instructions to the owner or caretaker thereof, as to the treatment of the diseased colonies, as may be necessary. If, upon subsequent inspection, the disease is still found to exist in the apiary or colony, the