

ture or other purposes at prices usually lower than would be received if sold in the fluid milk trade; and that to stabilize and promote the milk industry it is necessary that uniform prices be paid to all producers who, either directly or through any corporation or cooperative association, furnish milk to any specified market;

AND WHEREAS, Experience has shown that the exercise of state authority is necessary to protect the public health and welfare of this State and to provide a constant and adequate supply of pure milk to the public;

AND WHEREAS, It is the policy of this State to promote, foster and encourage the intelligent and orderly production and distribution of milk, to eliminate speculation and waste and to make the distribution of milk between producer and consumer economically sound;

AND WHEREAS, The process of producing and marketing milk has come to be a cooperative enterprise of vast economic importance to the State and of vital importance to the consuming public, which ought to be safeguarded and protected in the public interest;

THEREFORE, To accomplish these necessary purposes this Article is enacted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Article be added to the Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Milk Control," to follow Article 65 of said Code to be known as Article 65-A, and to read as follows:

Section 1. As used in this Act:

"Commission" means the Maryland Milk Control Commission hereby created.

"Person" includes individuals, partnerships, associations and corporations, not excepting cooperative agricultural associations or corporations wheresoever organized.

"Milk" means the lacteal secretion of a dairy animal or animals, and includes such secretion when cooled, pasteurized, standardized, or otherwise processed, with a view to being sold as milk for consumption in fluid form; or for manufacture into any dairy product for human consumption.

"Market" means any municipal corporation or corporations or unincorporated territory in this State, or both, designated by the Commission as a natural marketing area.

"Health Authorities" includes the State Department of Health, the Baltimore City Health Department, and the