

## CHAPTER 700.

(House Bill 611)

AN ACT to add two new sections to Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Inspections", sub-title "Tobacco", said new sections to be known as Sections 50A and 50B and to follow immediately after Section 50 of said Article, creating the Commissioner of Tobacco Marketing, and relating to his powers, duties and compensation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Inspections", sub-title "Tobacco", said new sections to be known as Sections 50A and 50B, to follow immediately after Section 50 of said Article, and to read as follows:

50A. The Commissioner of Tobacco Marketing is hereby created. He shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of four (4) years and shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and shall be allowed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for expenses, and shall maintain an office in Southern Maryland. He shall have power to grant licenses to all persons or corporations engaged in buying and selling leaf tobacco and to revoke said licenses with the right of appeal in the Circuit Court of the County in which the licensee resides or does business. The said Commissioner shall have the power to make rules and regulations as to the manner in which persons and corporations engaged in buying and selling leaf tobacco shall keep their books and records, which shall be open to inspection by the said Commissioner.

50B. No person, firm or corporation shall purchase, sell or re-sell leaf tobacco without first obtaining a license therefor from the Commissioner of Tobacco Marketing and paying an annual license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for such license. All fees received from licenses shall be paid by said Commissioner to the State Comptroller for the general funds of the State; provided, however, that no license shall be required for the sale of tobacco by the grower thereof or the owner of the land on which grown, and provided further, that the provisions of Sections 50A and 50B shall not apply to buying or selling agencies in Baltimore City.

Any person, firm or corporation selling or buying leaf tobacco contrary to the provisions of Sections 50A and 50B or the rules and regulations made by the said Commissioner of