

WHEREAS, much of the statute law of this State concerning the production, processing and sale of milk and milk products is in many respects outmoded, impractical, insufficient and inadequate; and

WHEREAS, because some of the said statute law is codified under Article 27, title "Crimes and Punishments", and some under Article 43, title "Health", it is not practical to revise and modernize the same by repealing and re-enacting, but resort must be had to the repeal thereof and the enactment of sundry new sections, all to be codified under said "Health" Article; therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 323, 324 and 325 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Health — Milk — Pure — Skimmed", and Sections 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509 and 510 of Article 43 of said Code, title "Health", sub-title "Milk", be, and hereby are, one and all, repealed, and that sundry new sections be, and hereby are, enacted in lieu thereof, all to be codified under said Article 43 of the said Code, title "Health", sub-title "Milk", to follow immediately after said sub-title of said Article, to be numbered respectively 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524 and 525, and to read as follows:

497. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and the enforcement of this sub-title:

A. "Producer" is any person who owns, controls or operates a dairy farm.

B. "Processor" is any person (other than a producer, unless he is also a distributor) who pasteurizes or processes.

C. "Distributor" is any person (other than a producer, unless he is a producer-distributor) who offers milk or milk products for sale, at wholesale or retail, for consumption on or off the distributor's premises.

D. "Producer-Distributor" is a producer who also operates a retail distribution route.

E. "Bobtailer" is any person, other than a processor, who operates a milk route on which he distributes milk which he purchases from a processor.

F. "Health Authority" shall mean and refer to the duly constituted State Department of Health, or its accredited representative, except where such term relates to a city or town having a population of not less than 100,000 and maintaining a municipal health department and an approved