

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Commission created by Chapter 972 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1943 has made recommendation that the present Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Markets in Baltimore City, with the exception of the railroad terminals, are inadequate and should be improved, and that the improvements in these markets are for the benefit, not only of the citizens of Baltimore, but also to all growers and shippers throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly concurs in the objectives of this report and desires that this study be continued.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a Commission on Baltimore Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Markets is hereby created. The Commission shall consist of eleven members to serve until June 1, 1947. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland as of the effective date of the Act. Each of the two major railroads operating in the Baltimore Area shall be represented on said Commission by a member appointed from each of their respective organizations, and the other nine members shall be appointed to represent the producers, commission merchants, the State Board of Agriculture, Baltimore City and the public. The Governor shall designate one of said members as Chairman of the Commission.

Vacancies due to death, resignation or other cause shall be filled by the Governor. All members shall serve without compensation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Baltimore Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market Commission which terminates June 1, 1945, is commended for its diligent work and instructed to turn over all papers, data, findings and other material to the Commission to be appointed hereunder.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Commission

(a) To undertake studies and surveys of the Baltimore produce markets, make determinations as to the adequacy of the market facilities and plans for their improvement with special emphasis on the enlargement of the farmers' market area.

(b) To formulate a program, prepare plans and estimates of cost, enlargement and improvement of these facilities to eliminate the present congestion and loss of time in handling produce.

(c) To utilize funds appropriated to it in its investigations and in the preparation and printing of a factual re-