

## CHAPTER 163

(House Bill 237)

AN ACT to repeal Section 59K of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Inspections", sub-title "State Tobacco Authority", and to enact in lieu thereof a new Section 59K, to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 59-I of said Article, providing regulations for the marketing of leaf tobacco.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 59K of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Inspections", sub-title "State Tobacco Authority", be and it is hereby repealed and that a new Section 59K be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof and that Section 59-I of said Article, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

59K. (Rules and Regulations) (a) The Tobacco Board of Trade or The Tobacco Warehouse Association of Southern Maryland shall give written notice to the Authority at its headquarters in Upper Marlboro at least ten days in advance of any meetings to be held by either the Board or the Warehouse Association for the purpose of setting or fixing the opening and/or closing dates for the Maryland Tobacco Auction markets. At any such meeting the Authority, the representative of the market selling agencies and the representative of the tobacco buyers shall each have one vote in determining the opening and closing dates for said auction market.

(b). The Authority shall make inspections from time to time or upon request of any interested party in order to determine the accuracy of any weights or measures used by any licensed tobacco commission sales agency.

(c). At any auction sale, any producer or owner of tobacco shall have twenty minutes after a final bid is made upon any lots of tobacco offered for sale by such producer or owner, in which to accept or reject said final bid. In the event a bid is not rejected within said time limit, the sale shall become final.

(d). In the event any licensed tobacco commission sales agency as hereinafter provided for shall purchase for and on its own account any tobacco lawfully consigned to said agency, such tobacco shall be re-offered for sale on the same