

## CHAPTER 618

(Senate Bill 376)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition) and et. seq., title "Inspections," sub-title "State Horticultural Department," said new section to be known as Section 63B and to follow immediately after Section 63A, authorizing and empowering the officers of the State Horticultural Department, acting through the State Board of Agriculture to establish or rescind quarantines against the introduction from another state of any plant material that is known to be infested or infected or that reasonably may be believed to be infested or infected with dangerously injurious insects, other animal pests, or plant diseases; to quarantine areas within the state and regulate the movement of infested or infected material therefrom; to issue regulations under said quarantines with regard to the treatment of soil, implements, storage facilities or any equipment or materials in the quarantined area or areas likely to be a factor in the transmission of the insect, other animal pests or diseases for which the quarantines may be established to non-quarantined areas; and to regulate or prohibit the planting of any crop in the quarantined area, which in their judgment would prevent or limit the effectiveness for which the quarantine may be established.

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition) and et. seq., title "Inspections", sub-title "State Horticultural Department", said new section to be known as Section 63B and to follow immediately after Section 63A of said Article and to read as follows:

*63B. (a) In order to control, retard or eradicate any dangerously injurious insects, other animal pests or plant diseases, the officers of the State Horticultural Department, acting through the State Board of Agriculture, may establish quarantines and/or rescind quarantines against the introduction into the State of any plant material that is known to be infested or infected or which reasonably may be believed to be infested or infected.*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.