

ment thereto, title "Forestry," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments under a new title to read as follows:

ARTICLE 39A

[Forestry] *Forests and Parks*

(1) *Forests, parks, scenic, historic and recreation areas of the State of Maryland are basic assets. Their proper use, development and preservation are necessary to protect and promote the health, safety, economic and general welfare of the people of the State. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to encourage the economic development and use of its natural resources for the improvement of local economy, preservation of the natural beauty and promotion of the recreational interest throughout the State.*

The Department of [State] Forests and Parks is hereby created to *promote, administer and manage all State owned or leased forests [and], parks, scenic preserves, parkways, historic monuments and recreation areas, the administration of all laws, rules and regulations relating to forests, parks, scenic preserves, parkways, historic monuments and recreation areas. fire control, roadside trees, the restoration of deforested or denuded areas, and the operation of the State Forest Nursery.*

Forest extension work, as now being done on private property, shall continue under the jurisdiction, supervision and direction of the Extension Service of the University of Maryland.

A Commission of [State] Forests and Parks is hereby created to supersede the present advisory Board of Forestry and Regents of the University of Maryland in supervising and directing the affairs of this Department. The Commission shall consist of five members, citizens of the State, to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed on the recommendations of the Maryland State Grange, one on the recommendation of the Maryland Farm Bureau, one shall have had practical experience in the business of lumbering, and the other two shall be appointed for their general interest in the advancement of [forestry] *State Parks and recreation.* The members of the Commission shall select their own Chairman.

2. The members of said Commission shall serve for terms of five years from June 1, 1941, but of the first members appointed, one shall serve for one year, one for