

institution's curriculum leading to a teacher's certificate in the public school system of Maryland, (3) that ~~his grades be passing and in the upper fifty per centum of all persons enrolled in the institution]~~ HIS CLASS, *in the judgment of the institution in which he is enrolled he is making satisfactory progress toward graduation*, and (4) that in the judgment of the institution, his character, temperament and deportment be of satisfactory potential for a teacher in the public schools of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1958.

Approved April 4, 1958.

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CHAPTER 54

(Senate Bill 93)

AN ACT to add new Section 465A to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Livestock", to follow immediately after Section 465 thereof and to be under the new sub-heading "Rabbits", prohibiting the importation into or possession within this State, live, of the San Juan rabbit.

WHEREAS, The Wild European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) is a pest second only to rats and mice within its native and introduced range, which includes Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Tierra del Fuego and other regions, and annually causes, due to its burrowing habits and insatiable appetite for truck and cereal crops and the bark of trees, millions of dollars of damage and entails great expenditures for control; and

WHEREAS, A domesticated form of this animal has flourished on the San Juan Islands, off the coast of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Due to the decline in the population of the native cottontail rabbit (genus *Sylvilagus*), many hunters, sportsmen and field trial enthusiasts have become interested in the San Juan rabbit as a possible restocking source; and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington does not prohibit the export of this domesticated pest, thus making legislation necessary to prevent its introduction into the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The San Juan rabbit is a domestic animal legally the property of the landowner on whose holdings the rabbit lives, it is

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.