

## CHAPTER 72

(Senate Bill 29)

AN ACT to repeal Section 70 (a) of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Inspections", sub-title "State Tobacco Authority", and to enact Section 70 (a) in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the section so repealed; to add Sections 70 (ca), (g), (h), (i), ~~(j)~~ and ~~(k)~~ AND (J) and 71A to the said Article and sub-title of the Code to follow immediately after Sections 70 (c) and (f) and 71, respectively; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 70 (e), ~~73~~ and ~~76 (a)~~ AND 73 of the said Article and sub-title of the Code; generally revising the laws relating to the State Tobacco Authority and to tobacco AND THE SALE THEREOF in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 70 (a) of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Inspections", sub-title "State Tobacco Authority", be and it is hereby repealed and a new Section 70 (a) be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the section so repealed and that Sections 70 (ca), (g), (h), (i), ~~(j)~~ and ~~(k)~~ AND (J) and 71A be and they are hereby added to said Article and sub-title of the Code, to follow immediately after Sections 70 (c) and (f) and Section 71, respectively, and that Sections 70 (e), ~~73~~ and ~~76 (a)~~ AND 73 of said Article and sub-title of the Code, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

70.

(a). *The Authority shall determine the opening and closing dates for the Maryland tobacco auction markets. To assist it in making this determination, the Authority shall call a meeting of licensed commission sales agencies and loose leaf auction buyers not later than ~~July 15~~ DECEMBER 1 of each year. Written notice of this meeting shall be given by the Authority to all licensed commission sales agencies and loose leaf auction buyers at least ten days in advance of the date of the meeting. Announcement of the opening and closing dates shall be made public by the Authority not later than ~~July 25~~ DECEMBER 10 of each year.*

(ca.) *Every buyer of tobacco on the warehouse floor shall accept the tobacco at the auction price at which sold to him, and may reject the tobacco only under such terms and conditions as shall be established by the Authority. The Authority shall regulate or prohibit the deliberate tearing up of baskets of tobacco on the warehouse floor by buyers of tobacco.*

(e). It shall be unlawful for any officer, *auctioneer* or other employee of **[a]** any licensed tobacco commission sales agency to purchase any tobacco on any licensed tobacco sales floor for and upon

**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.