

ducting the same, any farmer or producer upon and against whom such annual assessments shall have been levied and collected under the provisions of this subtitle, if dissatisfied with said assessment and the result thereof, shall have the right to demand of and receive from the treasurer of said agency a refund of such annual assessment so collected from such farmer or producer, provided such demand for refund is made in writing within thirty days from the date on which said assessment is collected from such farmer or producer. Provided, however, that as to growers or producers of potatoes or peaches the right of refund of assessments as provided herein shall be contingent upon such growers or producers having paid said assessment on or before the end of the assessment year in which the assessment was levied. The assessment year shall be determined by the duly certified commission, council, board or agency representing the respective commodity: Provided further, that any farmer or producer of potatoes or peaches who fails to make any protest against the assessment and levy in writing, addressed to the duly certified commission, council, board or agency representing the commodity concerned, within thirty days from the date such assessment shall become due and payable, then, and in such event, suit may be brought by the duly certified commission, council, board or agency concerned in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the collection of the assessment.

**83V.**

In the event of the levying and collection of assessments as herein provided, the treasurer of the agency conducting same shall within thirty days after the end of any calendar year in which such assessments are collected, publish through the medium of the press of the State a statement of the amount or amounts so received and collected by him under the provisions of this article. Before collecting and receiving such assessments, such treasurer shall give a bond in the amount of at least the estimated total of such assessments as will be collected, such bond to have a surety thereon a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Maryland and to be in the form and amount approved by the agency conducting such referendum and to be filed with the chairman or executive head of such agency.

**83W.**

THE ASSESSING BODY AND THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE MAY EACH DEDUCT NOT MORE THAN THREE PERCENT OF FUNDS COLLECTED BY SAID AGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY OF THE METHODS PROVIDED BY SECTIONS 83-O, 83P, 83Q, OR 83R OF THIS ARTICLE, SAID DEDUCTIONS TO BE USED TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF MAKING ASSESSMENTS AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved May 4, 1967.