

all livestock auction markets, slaughterhouses, abattoirs, packinghouses, and any and all [person] *persons*, firms and corporations engaged in the buying, selling or handling of livestock for slaughter in this State, and on and after the date specified in the letter the assessments approved and in force under said referendum shall be deducted by the purchaser, or his agent or representative, from the purchase price of any livestock bought, acquired or sold for slaughter. It shall be unlawful for any livestock auction market, slaughterhouse, abattoir, packinghouse or the administrators or managers or agents of same or for any person, firm or corporation to acquire, buy or sell livestock for slaughter without deducting the assessments previously authorized by said referendum. The assessment or assessments for any month so deducted, shall, on or before the 20th day of the following month, be remitted by such purchaser as above described, to the State Board of Agriculture, who shall thereupon pay the amount of the assessments to the duly certified agency of the producers of such livestock sold for slaughter entitled thereto. The books and records of all such livestock auction markets, slaughterhouses, abattoirs, packinghouses, or persons, firms or corporations engaged in buying, acquiring or selling livestock for slaughter shall at all times during regular business hours be open for the inspection by the State Board of Agriculture or its duly authorized agents. Provided, however, that if any livestock auction market, slaughterhouse, abattoir, packinghouse, or any person, firm or corporation engaged in buying, selling or handling livestock for slaughter in this State shall fail to collect or pay such assessments so deducted to the State Board of Agriculture as herein provided, then and in such event suit may be brought by the duly certified agency concerned in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the collection of such assessments.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved March 22, 1968.

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## CHAPTER 38

(House Bill 102)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 53A of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Other Powers and Functions," amending the public water conservation laws in order to correct erroneous wording therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 53A of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Other Powers and Functions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

53A.

When there arises a need in the State for (1) water-supply storage or (2) storage for streamflow [regulations] *regulation* for