

disposed of, but in no instance shall such disposition of said sod be ordered by the court without first having given the claimant an opportunity to apply to the court for the release of said sod or permission to process or relabel it to bring it into compliance with this subtitle.

(b) Every violation of the provisions of this subtitle shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense and not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each subsequent similar offense. When ~~the~~ authorized agent of the State Board of Agriculture has reason to believe that any person has violated any of the provisions of this subtitle, ~~he~~ THE BOARD may institute proceedings in the court of competent jurisdiction in the area in which the violation occurred, to have such person convicted thereof; or ~~the~~ authorized agent of the said Board may file with the Attorney General of the State with the view of prosecution such evidence as may be deemed necessary, provided, however, that no prosecution under this subtitle shall be instituted without first having given the defendant an opportunity to appear before the authorized agent HEARING OFFICER of the said Board to introduce evidence either in person or by agent or attorney.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if any provisions or section of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid for any reason such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or sections thereof.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this subtitle shall take effect on January 1, 1970 and shall hereafter be cited as the Maryland Turf Grass Law.*

Approved May 14, 1969.

CHAPTER 615

(Senate Bill 653)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 249 (b) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "University of Maryland," to reduce the terms of the members of the Board of Regents, OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 249 (b) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "University of Maryland," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(b) The government of the University of Maryland shall be vested in the board of regents of the University of Maryland. The board