

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 56, 57, 58(a), 61(k), 63, 64 of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Inspections," subtitle "State Tobacco Authority" be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

56.

(a) *The Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, is hereby created as part of the Department of the Economic and Community Development and constituted a body corporate, with authority to have and use a common seal, to sue and be sued in a court of law, and to do any and all things as empowered by this subtitle or reasonably necessary and proper for accomplishing the purposes thereof and subject to the authority of the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development as set forth in Article 41 of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland.*

(b) *The Authority shall have eight members, all to be appointed by the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, with the approval of the Governor. One member shall be a person familiar with the economics and marketing of Maryland tobacco, to be selected from a list of three nominees to be submitted by the University of Maryland, or some proper officer thereof. One shall be a representative of the several persons or agencies selling leaf tobacco in Maryland, to be selected from a list of three nominees submitted by the several tobacco selling agencies in Maryland, or any of them. One member shall be a representative of the several persons or agencies buying leaf tobacco in Maryland. Five members shall be at the time of their selection producers of tobacco in Maryland and shall neither directly nor indirectly have any financial or other interest in the selling or buying of tobacco, except insofar as they have interests as producers; such five persons shall be selected from a list of fifteen nominees submitted by the Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc., and at least two of such five persons shall be a member of that political party which polled the second highest number of votes in the last preceding gubernatorial election. Provided, however, that no two producer members of the Authority shall be residents of the same county.*

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*Of the seven members of the Authority first to be appointed, two shall be appointed for a term of one year, two shall be appointed for terms of two years, and three shall be appointed for terms of three years. Thereafter, as the term of any member expires, his successor shall be appointed for a term of three years. Each member shall serve during the period for which appointed and until his successor has been selected. Should a vacancy occur for any reason, the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint another person to serve for the remaining portion of the unexpired term. When any appointment is made to fill a vacancy for an expired term, the new appointee shall be a person with qualifications similar to those of the next previous incumbent, so as to preserve the balance of representation for the several groups as provided in Section 56 of this subtitle.*