

(1964 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Weights and Measures," subtitles "Standard Weights and Measures" and "State Apple Commission"; creating the Department of Agriculture as a principal department of the State Government and providing for its organization, structure, staffing, powers and duties; providing for the Secretary of Agriculture and for his powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities; assigning to the Department of Agriculture the Inspector of Tobacco, the Tobacco Authority of the State of Maryland, the Maryland State Fair Board, the Maryland State Apple Commission, the State Superintendent of Weights and Measures, the State Chemist, the State Veterinarian AND THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, the Wholesome Poultry Advisory Council of Maryland, the Wholesome Meat Advisory Council of Maryland, the State Soil Conservation Committee, the Board of Review of the Department of Agriculture, and the Maryland Agricultural Commission, and such other agencies as may hereafter be assigned to the said Department; REMOVING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FROM CERTAIN DUTIES RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS; abolishing the State Board of Agriculture, the State Horticultural Department, the State Entomologist, the State Pathologist, the State Horticulturist, tree and fruit inspectors, the Department of Drainage, the State Drainage Engineer, and the Maryland State Department of Markets, and Transferring to the Department of Agriculture the functions performed by said agencies; continuing in effect rules and regulations of agencies transferred to the Department or abolished until changed; changing references to abolished agencies; providing for counsel to the Department; creating the Board of Review of the Department of Agriculture and providing for its composition, duties, powers, procedures, and removal of members; eliminating the requirement that three members of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland be appointed upon nomination by the Maryland Agricultural Commission; ~~changing the terms of present members of the Board of Regents appointed upon nomination by said Commission~~; providing that the Secretary of Agriculture be an ex officio member of the Board of Regents; providing for appointment and removal of the Inspector of Tobacco by the Secretary of Agriculture and giving the Secretary certain approval power over the duties and powers of the said Inspector; giving the Secretary certain powers with respect to the composition, duties and powers of agencies assigned to the Department of Agriculture; substituting the District Court for justices of the peace with respect to the enforcement of laws dealing with agriculture; changing the composition of the Maryland Agricultural Commission; providing for the transfer of property, credits, appropriations, liabilities and employees to the Department of Agriculture, and preserving the merit system status of such employees; and dealing generally with agriculture and the Department and Secretary of Agriculture.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 430 through 437 be and they are hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to be under the new subtitle "41. The