

debts and taxes have been paid, transfer the certificate of registration to such boat or vessel to the person entitled thereto; and no administration shall be necessary under this article. A verified statement signed by two persons to the effect that they have personal knowledge as to the value of boats of the type of the particular boat involved and that the value of said boat does not exceed [~~\$1,500~~] [~~\$10,000~~] \$5,000 shall be sufficient evidence as to the value of the boat to warrant the transfer of the registration certificate.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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CHAPTER 498

(Senate Bill 1211)

AN ACT to add new Section 464A to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Livestock," subheading "Swine," to follow immediately after Section 464 thereof, to prohibit the feeding of garbage to swine except as provided therein and providing for enforcement measures by the Department of Agriculture and for penalties for violation thereof.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 464A be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Livestock," subheading "Swine," to follow immediately after Section 464 thereof, to read as follows:

464A.

(A) GARBAGE FED TO SWINE CONTRIBUTES TO THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS ANIMAL DISEASES. IT IS THEREFORE DECLARED TO BE THE PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF GARBAGE AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION TO SWINE TO ASSIST IN THE PREVENTION AND ERADICATION OF ANIMAL DISEASES AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC WELFARE.

(B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS SHALL APPLY:

(1) "GARBAGE" MEANS PUTRESCIBLE ANIMAL AND FOWL WASTES RESULTING FROM THE HANDLING, PREPARATION, COOKING AND CONSUMPTION OF FOODS INCLUDING ANIMAL AND FOWL CARCASSES OR PARTS THEREOF AND ANY OTHER SUBSTANCES THAT HAVE BEEN MIXED WITH OR BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SUCH ANIMAL OR FOWL WASTES OR CARCASSES. THE TERM "GARBAGE" SHALL NOT INCLUDE COMMERCIAL FEED AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 48, SECTION 118 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.