

(2) "PERSON" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CORPORATION, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION, PUBLIC AUTHORITY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, COUNTY AND THE STATE.

(3) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(C) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO FEED GARBAGE TO SWINE, OR TO DEPOSIT OR RECEIVE SUCH GARBAGE ON PREMISES WHERE SWINE ARE KEPT. NO SWINE HAVING BEEN FED SUCH GARBAGE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY BE SOLD OR REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF HAVING CONSUMED SUCH GARBAGE, OR LONGER IF PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR REMOVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO FEED GARBAGE FROM THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLD TO SWINE ON THEIR PREMISES PROVIDED THAT NO SUCH SWINE SHALL BE SOLD OR REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THIS SECTION AND TO ENJOIN VIOLATIONS OF THE SECTION AND SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO HAVE THE AUTHORITY THROUGH ITS AUTHORIZED AGENTS TO ENTER ANY PREMISES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING REASONABLE INSPECTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THIS SECTION. THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN LIMITATION OF ANY OTHER AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

(F) ANY PERSON THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION OR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL UPON CONVICTION BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$500.00 AND WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT MAY ALSO BE IMPRISONED FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act [is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage] shall take effect [January] July 1, 1974.

Approved May 21, 1973.
