

Quality Control” of said Article and title to “Air Quality and Noise Control,” establishing noise control as a policy of the State of Maryland, placing that control under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, creating a Noise Pollution Control Advisory Council and providing for the methods for selection of its members, providing that noise pollution control regulations be submitted to the General Assembly and become effective [if not acted upon] upon adoption by the General Assembly by the General Assembly [within forty-five days], and providing for the enforcement and administration of these provisions under generally the same procedures as for air pollution.

SECTION 3. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 690, 691, 692, 693, 697, and 699 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title “Health,” subtitle “Air Quality Control,” be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, that a new Section 695A be and it is hereby added to said Article, title and subtitle, immediately to precede Section 696 thereof, to change the subtitle “Air Quality Control” of said Article and title to “Air Quality and Noise Control,” and all to read as follows:

#### Air Quality AND NOISE Control

690. Declaration of policy; jurisdiction of Department.

(a) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State of Maryland to maintain that degree of purity of the air resources of the State AND LIMIT NOISE TO THAT LEVEL which will protect the health, general welfare and property of the people of the State.

(b) For this purpose the State Department of Health AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall assume responsibility for the jurisdiction over emissions into the air, land and ambient air quality, AND THE LEVEL OF NOISE.

691. Definitions.

For the purposes of this subtitle:

(a) The term “air pollution” shall mean the presence in the outdoor atmosphere of substances in quantities, having characteristics and being of a duration which, from any single source or in combination with other sources, are, or may be predicted with reasonable certainty to be injurious to human, plant or animal life or to property, or which unreasonably interfere with the proper enjoyment of the property of others by reason of the emission of odors, solids, vapors, liquids or gases, throughout the State and in such areas of the State as are affected thereby. Unless a definite health hazard is concerned, the term “air pollution” does not include airborne fluff resulting from the drying, loading, or unloading of corn grain, these particles of fluff being sometimes known and referred to as “bees’ wings.”

(b) The term “Board” shall mean the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(c) The term “Council” shall mean the Air Quality Control Advisory Council.

(d) The term “Department” shall mean the Maryland State Department of Health AND MENTAL HYGIENE.