

BALTIMORE COUNTY

BILL NO. 75-72

AN ACT to regulate the growth of grass and ordinary weeds and to eliminate the growth of noxious weeds in Baltimore County; to provide for notice to the owner or person in charge of land where such weeds have been allowed to grow; to provide for compliance with an order of the department of health to control such growth; to provide that after non-compliance within a certain period the County may cut or destroy weeds and the expense thus incurred shall be charged to the owner of said land, which expense shall constitute a lien upon the realty; to make it a criminal offense for any owner, occupant or person in control of any land to allow certain growth on said land; and to establish the penalty for such violation upon conviction thereof, by adding new Sections 13-114 through 13-116 to the Baltimore County Code, 1968, under new Article X. Weed Control, title "Health & Sanitation."

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, That new Sections 13-114 through 13-116, under new Article X. Weed Control, be and they are hereby added to the Baltimore County Code, 1968, title "Health & Sanitation," said new Sections to read as follows:

SECTION 13-114. PROHIBITED ACTS; CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

(A) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR PERSON IN CONTROL OF ANY LOT OR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN BALTIMORE COUNTY TO ALLOW OR MAINTAIN ON ANY SUCH LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND ANY GROWTH OF GRASS, WEEDS OR OTHER RANK VEGETATION TO A HEIGHT OVER ONE FOOT; AND EVERY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR PERSON IN CONTROL OF ANY LOT OR LANDS WITHIN BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL CAUSE SAID LOT OR LANDS TO BE KEPT FREE FROM RAGWEEDS, POISON IVY AND ALL OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS WHICH ARE GENERALLY KNOWN TO BE EITHER ALLERGENIC, SKIN IRRITANT OR TOXIC WHEN INGESTED. SUCH WEEDS MAY BE DESTROYED BY SPRAYING WITH A CHEMICAL COMPOUND, BY CUTTING AND REMOVAL, BY PLOWING UNDER, OR BY SUCH OTHER METHOD RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

(B) THE ABOVE REQUIREMENT MAY BE MODIFIED AT THE