

or Howard County, city, or town taxes, as the case may be, provided for under this subsection, shall be overdue and in arrears, and they shall bear interest at the rate of [one half] TWO-THIRDS of one percent [(1/2%)] (2/3%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. Montgomery County, Howard County, and any city or town, may provide for collection of a penalty for failure to make payment on or before January 1 or on or before thirty days after the bill for the taxes has been mailed or made available, whichever is the later date; but such penalty must have been fixed prior to October 1 by enactment of the governing body concerned.

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

Approved May 7, 1973.

CHAPTER 331

(House Bill 974)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 54, 63, 64, 78, 176(p), 357F(f), 399, 468, 473(b), 708(b), 716 and 756(b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitles, respectively, "Agriculture", "Birds, Game and Fish", "Forests and Parks", "Livestock", "Maryland Commercial Fertilizer Law of 1963", "Oysters and Clams", and "Shore Erosion Control"; correcting errors in the laws relating generally to natural resources.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 54, 63, 64, 78, 176(p), 357F(f), 399, 468, 473(b), 708(b), 716 and 756(b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitles, respectively, "Agriculture", "Birds, Game and Fish", "Forests and Parks", "Livestock", "Maryland Commercial Fertilizer Law of 1963", "Oysters and Clams", and "Shore Erosion Control" be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

54.

The Secretary of Agriculture is empowered to call upon all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, policemen and other officers of the City of Baltimore, or of any county, for information and assistance to carry out and enforce the provisions of his rules and regulations and it shall be the duty of all such named officers to obey and observe all orders and [institutions] INSTRUCTIONS which they may receive from said Secretary for the enforcement of all the provisions of this article within their respective jurisdictions, and they shall be paid as for the performance of similar duties under existing laws.

63.

It shall be the function of the Board to encourage and foster agriculture in this State through promotion and assistance of [agriculture] AGRICULTURAL fairs, exhibits, or other activities. For this purpose, the Board, subject to approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, shall have sole and complete control of the distribution of and expenditure of all funds allocated to it by the provisions of §§ 15 and 22 of Article 78B of this Code, for the payment of premium awards, promotional and