

probable legislative intent is that the seal shall authenticate all official Department documents and papers.

In subsection (g), the present reference to the designee of the Secretary is proposed for deletion in light of the definition of "Secretary" set forth in §1-101(h).

The last sentence of subsection (h) is new language derived from a provision of former Art. 66C, §52, which was repealed by Ch. 342, Acts of 1972. This section sets forth the general powers and responsibilities of the former State Board of Agriculture. All other provisions of the State Board of Agriculture enumerated in former §52 were incorporated into sections enacted by Ch. 342, Acts of 1972. The addition of this section does not result in a substantive change because under Art. 41, §432, all functions previously performed by the State Board of Agriculture are performed by the Department of Agriculture.

The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 2-104. SECRETARY TO ENFORCE ARTICLE; ASSISTANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; INTERFERENCE WITH THE SECRETARY PROHIBITED.

(A) SECRETARY TO ENFORCE ARTICLE.

THE SECRETARY SHALL CARRY OUT AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) ASSISTANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

THE SECRETARY MAY CALL UPON ANY SHERIFF, DEPUTY SHERIFF, AND ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF ANY COUNTY, FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE ~~[[DEPARTMENT]]~~ DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS. EVERY OFFICER SHALL OBEY AND OBSERVE EVERY ORDER AND INSTRUCTION HE RECEIVES FROM THE SECRETARY CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS WITHIN HIS RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION. EACH OFFICER SHALL BE PAID AS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SIMILAR DUTIES UNDER EXISTING LAWS.