

(A) SECRETARY MAY COOPERATE WITH FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

THE SECRETARY MAY COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OR OTHER PROPERLY CONSTITUTED AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO ERADICATE OR CONTROL ANY CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASE AMONG LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY IN THE STATE, IF THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT ANY WORK SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.

(B) SECRETARY MAY APPOINT ASSISTANTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EPIDEMIC.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EPIDEMIC OF CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASE AMONG LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY IN THE STATE, THE SECRETARY MAY APPOINT THE ASSISTANTS NECESSARY TO SUPPRESS PROMPTLY THE EPIDEMIC. THE SECRETARY SHALL FIX COMPENSATION FOR THE ASSISTANTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) presently appears as Art. 66C, §431 of the Code. The reference to "the Bureau of Animal Industry" is proposed for deletion because this agency no longer exists. A general reference to the United States Department of Agriculture is retained to allow for intra-departmental reorganization.

New language is added to permit the department to cooperate with the federal government to control contagious and infectious diseases.

New language is added in this and subsequent sections to indicate that the provisions of this subtitle relate to "poultry" as well as to livestock. The department applies the provisions of this subtitle to poultry pursuant to an Opinion of the Attorney General, April 13, 1972, which declares that poultry and poultry diseases are covered by the subtitle.

Subsection (b) presently appears as Art. 66C, §432 of the Code and is set forth here for organizational purposes. This subsection refers to the Secretary's authority to appoint non-employees of the Department to suppress epidemics. It is revised so that this authority is