

Art. 48, §59(a) of the Code, as amended by Ch. 235, Acts of 1973. The present provision allowing collaboration with the State Board of Agriculture is omitted as obsolete. Since the Authority is a unit of the Department an analogous provision allowing collaboration is unnecessary. The present provision permitting the Authority to collaborate with "groups and agencies" is proposed for deletion because it is ambiguous since "agency" could connote either a private or government agency. Likewise, "group" is a vague term. Therefore, new language is substituted to provide that the Authority may collaborate with "any person or government agency." The phrase "government agency" is used to connote any agency of any state or any agency of the federal government.

Subsection (d) presently appears as Art. 48, §59(b) of the Code. The present reference to "judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City" is proposed for deletion. The Circuit Court of Baltimore City has jurisdiction in cases of this nature but it is unnecessary to add language to this effect since under Art. 1, §14 a reference to county includes Baltimore City.

The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 7-207. DUTIES OF AUTHORITY.

THE AUTHORITY SHALL:

(1) PRESCRIBE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH BASKETS OF LEAF TOBACCO MAY BE ARRANGED AND DISPLAYED ON THE SALES FLOOR OF ANY LEAF WAREHOUSE;

(2) PRESCRIBE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH BASKETS OF LEAF TOBACCO MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE SALES FLOOR OF ANY PRIVATE WAREHOUSE;

(3) DETERMINE THE DATA OR INFORMATION THAT MAY BE PLACED ON THE TICKETS OF BASKETS OF LEAF TOBACCO ON THE SALES FLOOR OF ANY PRIVATE WAREHOUSE;

(4) MAKE INSPECTIONS FROM TIME TO TIME OR UPON REQUEST OF ANY INTERESTED PARTY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE ACCURACY OF ANY WEIGHTS OR MEASURES USED BY ANY COMMISSION SELLING AGENCY; AND