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(A) IF, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 27, SECTION 67 OF THE CODE, THE BOARD DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO TAKE POSSESSION OF A HORSE IN ORDER TO PROTECT IT FROM NEGLIGENCE OR CRUELTY, THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY SHALL NOTIFY THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF SUCH ACTION.

(B) THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF THE HORSE MAY PETITION THE BOARD FOR RETURN OF THE HORSE WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER POSSESSION WAS TAKEN. IF A TIMELY PETITION IS NOT FILED WITH THE BOARD, THE HORSE SHALL BE TREATED AS AN ESTRAY.

(C) IF THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN FILES A TIMELY PETITION, THE BOARD SHALL RETURN THE HORSE, PROVIDED THAT THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN CONSENTS TO PROVIDING PROPER ATTENTION TO THE HORSE AS SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD, AND PAYS ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE TAKING OF POSSESSION AND STABLING OF THE HORSE DURING POSSESSION. OTHERWISE THE HORSE SHALL BE TREATED AS AN ESTRAY.

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THE BOARD MAY APPLY FOR RELIEF BY INJUNCTION, WITHOUT BOND, TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE OR TO RESTRAIN ANY VIOLATIONS OF THEM. IN SUCH PROCEEDINGS IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ALLEGE OR PROVE EITHER THAT AN ADEQUATE REMEDY AT LAW DOES NOT EXIST OR THAT SUBSTANTIAL OR IRREPARABLE DAMAGE WOULD RESULT FROM THE CONTINUED VIOLATIONS.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.

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CHAPTER 266

(Senate Bill 164)

AN ACT concerning

Cooperative Associations

FOR the purpose of requiring certain annual audit statements by certain cooperative associations to directors and the Secretary of Agriculture and for notification by the Secretary of Agriculture upon finding of misrepresentation and to require such reports of cooperative associations regardless of state of incorporation or association if it has Maryland residents as members; to permit the Secretary of Agriculture to engage auditors and to