

FOR the purpose of permitting the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research to determine certain trends in relation to certain nuisance birds, and to develop a plan of control of these nuisance birds; creating an advisory committee to aid the Secretary; establishing the membership of this committee; creating a special nuisance bird fund; and generally relating to nuisance bird control.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 5-801 through 5-805, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Nuisance Bird Law"

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 5-801 through 5-805, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Nuisance Bird Law" be and they are hereby added to Article - Agriculture, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

SUBTITLE 8. NUISANCE BIRD LAW

5-801.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COOPERATOR" MEANS ANY PERSON OR FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

(C) "NUISANCE BIRDS" MEANS RED-WINGED BLACKBIRDS (AGELAIUS PHOENICEUS), COMMON GRACKLES (QUISCALUS QUISCULA), BROWN-HEADED COWBIRDS (MOLOTHRUS ATER), STARLINGS (STURNUS VULGARIS), THE MONK PARAKEET (MYIOPSITTA MONACHUS), AND EXOTIC SPECIES AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY WHEN CAUSING OR ABOUT TO CAUSE ECONOMIC LOSSES TO AGRICULTURE IN THE STATE, ~~BECOMING DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, CAUSING A PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD, DEFACING OR DEFILING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.~~

5-802.

(A) THE SECRETARY MAY CONDUCT RESEARCH TO DETERMINE POPULATION TRENDS OR ECONOMIC LOSSES TO AGRICULTURE CAUSED BY NUISANCE BIRDS, AND MAY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN OF ACTION FOR THEIR CONTROL.

(B) THE SECRETARY MAY DEMONSTRATE PROCEDURES OR RENDER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ANY