

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture
Section 5-501 through 5-507, inclusive
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

[5-501.

The Secretary shall keep records of all work performed in carrying out the provisions of this subtitle, and shall report it as is required for its other activities.]

[5-502.

The Secretary shall inspect apiaries, conduct investigations, and disseminate information to promote the bee-keeping industry in the State.]

[5-503.

(a) Upon discovery of foul brood, black brood, or other infectious or contagious diseases in any apiary or colony, the Secretary shall send to the owner of the diseased bees a written order requiring the bees to be held in quarantine until released by a written permit from the Secretary.

(b) Upon the discovery of foul brood, black brood, or other infectious or contagious disease in any apiary or colony, the Secretary shall instruct the owner or caretaker concerning the treatment of the diseased colonies. If, upon subsequent inspection, the disease still is found to exist in the apiary or colony, the Secretary may destroy or order the destruction of the diseased colony in a manner that prevents the spread of the disease.]

[5-504.

To enforce the provisions of this subtitle, the Secretary may enter all places where bees, bee products, supplies, or appliances used in apiaries are kept.]

[5-505.

(a) If any beekeeper knows that bees he owns are infected with foul brood, black brood, or any other infectious or contagious disease harmful to honey bees in