Commissioners of the county may purchase the real estate and convey it when sold by them by good and sufficient deed. The Treasurer shall receive county certificates from taxpayers to the amount of the taxes due by them respectively, provided that said certificates are payable out of the levy of the current year. [The Treasurer shall be entitled to the following fees: for giving the notice to enforce the payment of taxes, the sum of fifty cents (\$0.50) for each notice given, as hereinbefore provided, and, in addition thereto for property sold, he shall receive a poundage fee of three percent (3%) on the gross amount of sales, but, if the amount of the bill be paid prior to sale, after the same shall have been advertised, he shall only receive as poundage fee one percent (1%) on the amount collected, those several fees to be charged as a part of the tax bill of the delinquent taxpayer.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary of the Treasurer of St. Mary's County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary of the Treasurer of St. Mary's County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

## CHAPTER 800

(House Bill 1768)

AN ACT concerning

## Thistle Control

FOR the purpose of providing that any person who owns, or possesses and manages land shall make a reasonable effort to prevent thistle seed set; providing that any violator shall be given reasonable notice to adopt a thistle control program; and providing that the Secretary may use available resources to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

## BY adding to

Article - Agriculture
Section 9-501 through 9-504, to be under the new
subtitle "Subtitle 5. Thistle Control"
Annotated Code of Maryland