

Secretary of Agriculture to control the growth and infestation of Multiflora Roses; providing that a landowner maintain his land in accordance with certain standards to prevent the spread of Multiflora Roses; providing for a certain complaint process, notice of violation, and management procedures; providing for the enforcement of this Act; providing for the use of certain funds; ~~requiring-certain-actions-by-the-State's Attorney's---Office~~; and generally relating to the control of Multiflora Roses in this State.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture
 Section 9-601 through 9-606 ~~9-605~~, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle, "Subtitle 6. Multiflora Rose Management"
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

SUBTITLE 6. MULTIFLORA ROSE MANAGEMENT

9-601.

THE EXISTENCE OF GROWTH OF ROSA MULTIFLORA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS MULTIFLORA ROSE, ~~IS-DECLARED-TO~~ MAY BE A PUBLIC AND COMMON NUISANCE ON LAND USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

9-602.

A PERSON WHO OWNS LAND WHERE MULTIFLORA ROSE IS GROWN SHALL MAINTAIN THE LAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF MULTIFLORA ROSE TO ADJOINING PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

9-603.

ON A SIGNED, WRITTEN COMPLAINT TO THE SECRETARY BY A COUNTY RESIDENT, THE SECRETARY SHALL MAKE AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF ANY MULTIFLORA ROSE INFESTATION THAT VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

9-604.

~~{A}~~ ON A DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE EXISTS, THE SECRETARY SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE LANDOWNER WHO SHALL ~~TAKE-ACTION-WITHIN~~