

~~records identifying information if the Secretary, after consulting with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, makes a certain determination; authorizing the Secretary to refuse to issue a license or registration, or suspend or revoke a license or registration, under certain circumstances; providing for the suspension or revocation of a license or certificate; making certain records confidential; and generally relating to the regulation of persons or facilities to control and prevent the spread of avian influenza.~~

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 3-801 through ~~3-806~~ 3-805 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Regulation of Poultry to Control Avian Influenza”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Agriculture

SUBTITLE 8. REGULATION OF POULTRY TO CONTROL AVIAN INFLUENZA.

3-801.

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

(B) “LIVE POULTRY MARKET” MEANS ANY FACILITY WHERE LIVE POULTRY IS GATHERED TO BE SLAUGHTERED AND SOLD ON SITE.

(C) “POULTRY” MEANS ANY LIVING DOMESTICATED BIRD.

(D) “POULTRY DEALER” MEANS A PERSON WHO IS IN THE BUSINESS OF TRADING, SELLING, TRANSPORTING, OR MOVING POULTRY BETWEEN A PRODUCTION FACILITY AND A LIVE POULTRY MARKET.

(E) “PRODUCTION FACILITY” MEANS THE FACILITY OR FARM THAT IS THE ORIGIN OF POULTRY OFFERED FOR SALE AT A LIVE POULTRY MARKET.

3-802.

(A) EACH LIVE POULTRY MARKET OPERATOR, PRODUCTION FACILITY OPERATOR, AND POULTRY DEALER SHALL OBTAIN AN ANNUAL LICENSE FROM THE SECRETARY.

(B) EACH LICENSE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING JUNE 30, UNLESS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

3-803.

IN ADDITION TO ANY OF THE POWERS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS, THE SECRETARY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO