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

Article - Agriculture

2 - 311.

(e) The licensee may appeal to the circuit court of the county where [he] THE LICENSEE has an office. The court shall hear and determine [de novo] all matters connected with the action of the Board from which appeal is taken IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 8, 1984.

CHAPTER 169

(House Bill 221)

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture - Tobacco Sales

FOR the purpose of requiring that sellers of tobacco post a bond with the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture Section 7-401 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

7-401.

Any person who sells hogsheads, baskets, or other containers of leaf tobacco directly for the grower, shall first give a bond for the penalty in the amount of \$10,000. The bond shall be deposited with the [State Comptroller] SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, to protect the growers from any loss sustained from any failure of the seller.