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Approved April 30, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 319**

**(House Bill 1245)**

AN ACT concerning

**Plant Disease Control – Fees**

FOR the purpose of altering fees for a certain certificate of nursery inspection and a plant broker or dealer license under the plant disease control law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 5-309(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article – Agriculture**

5-309.

(b) Each nursery shall be certified annually by the Secretary if it meets standards established by the Department regarding freedom from plant pests and upon payment of a fee of [ \$50 ] \$75. All fees collected shall be placed in the Plant Protection Fund and used to defray partially the cost of inspecting and certifying the nurseries.

(c) Each broker or dealer shall comply with the regulations established by the Department and shall pay an annual license fee of [ \$50 ] \$75. The Secretary may inspect annually the nursery stock in a sales or holding yard of a broker or dealer. Each broker or dealer shall pay the Secretary an inspection fee as provided in subsection (a) of this section. All fees collected shall be placed in the Plant Protection Fund and used to defray partially the cost of inspecting and licensing the brokers and dealers.

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