

establishing certain refrigeration requirements; authorizing the Secretary to establish certain voluntary standards and repealing the Secretary's authorization to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Secretary to impose certain civil penalties and to adopt certain regulations, and providing for the payment of these penalties into a certain fund; defining a certain term; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to the regulation of shell eggs under the Maryland Egg Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 4-301, 4-302, 4-303, 4-305, 4-306, 4-307, and 4-308

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 4-304, 4-309, 4-310, 4-311, 4-311.1, 4-311.2, 4-311.3, 4-311.4, 4-311.5, 4-311.6, 4-311.7, and 4-312

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 4-305.1 and 4-311.8

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

#### **Article - Agriculture**

4-301.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Consumer" means any person who purchases or otherwise acquires shell eggs for household consumption.
- (c) "Packer" means any person who places shell eggs in the original case, carton, or container that is used to hold eggs for distribution or sale to a consumer.
- (d) (1) "Distributor" means any person who:
  - (i) Sells, offers, or exposes for sale shell eggs;
  - (ii) Purchases shell eggs for other than household consumption; or
  - (iii) Distributes eggs to a retail outlet or food service facility owned by that person.