

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and health, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 18, 1937.

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#### CHAPTER 465.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 2A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Agriculture", to be under sub-title "Drainage", said new section to be known as Section 15, and to follow immediately after Section 14 of said Article, establishing a State Department of Drainage under the State Board of Agriculture.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 2A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Agriculture", to be under sub-title "Drainage", said new section to be known as Section 15, to follow immediately after Section 14 of said Article, and to read as follows:

15. There is hereby established a State Department of Drainage under the State Board of Agriculture, the said department to be administered by the Professor of Agricultural Engineering of the University of Maryland who, for the purpose of this section, shall be designated as the State Drainage Engineer.

It shall be the duty of the State Drainage Engineer to promote and encourage the drainage of agricultural lands in the State, to correlate the activities of the local drainage organizations in the State and to cooperate with State and Federal agencies in the interest of a permanent program of improved drainage. The State Drainage Engineer is hereby authorized to use such technical and clerical assistance as may be under the control of the State Board of Agriculture with the approval of said Board. The State Department of Drainage shall have the powers necessary to accomplish the purposes herein set forth.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1937.

Approved May 18, 1937.