

Wholesome Meat Act," to repeal Sections 212 and 321 of Article 27 of the said Code (1967 Replacement Volume), title and subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheadings respectively "Fraud—Livestock," and "Health—Slaughter of Animals," to repeal Section 180 of Article 43 of the said Code (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Adulteration of Food and Drink," subheading "Miscellaneous Provisions," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 178 of the said Article, subtitle and subheading of the Code, to establish a State system of veterinary ante- and post-mortem inspection of meat slaughtered in the State and the carcasses, parts thereof and meat food products prepared therefrom, with exceptions, under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Agriculture, to establish the Wholesome Meat Advisory Council, to provide for the powers and duties of the Board of Agriculture under this law, to provide for licensing of persons slaughtering livestock, to make special provisions for the performance of this Act in Baltimore City, to provide for injunctive relief, seizure and detention of livestock and carcasses and criminal penalties for violations, and to repeal or amend other related provisions of law as required because of the provisions of this Act; AND PROVIDING THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED OR APPLIED TO AFFECT WILD GAME OR WILD FOWL OR THE SLAUGHTERING OR INSPECTION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 470A through 470Y, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," to follow immediately after Section 470 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Maryland Wholesome Meat Act," and all to read as follows:

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470A. *This subtitle may be cited as the Maryland Wholesome Meat Act.*

DECLARATION OF POLICY

470B.

Meat, meat by-products and meat food products are an important source of the supply of human food in this State and legislation to assure that such food supplies are not adulterated or misbranded is in the public interest. Therefore, it is hereby declared to be the policy of this State to provide for the inspection as herein provided of livestock slaughtered, and the carcasses, parts thereof, and meat food products prepared therefrom, for human food, at certain establishments; and to impose other requirements as provided herein, to prevent the distribution in this State of livestock carcasses, parts thereof and meat food products which are adulterated or misbranded and are capable of use as human food.

DEFINITIONS

470C. *For purposes of this subtitle:*

(a) *The term "Board" means the Maryland State Board of Agriculture, its Executive Officer, or any person authorized to act in his stead.*