

SENATE BILL 92

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Agriculture)**

Requested: September 16, 2019

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Secretary of Agriculture – Weed Control Law**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into an agreement
4 with a county or other subdivision of the State to conduct surveys and perform other
5 work related to noxious weeds or other plant species within the county or subdivision
6 of the State; providing that the agreement between the Secretary and the county or
7 subdivision of the State may be terminated by either party on 30 days' written notice;
8 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the control of noxious weeds in the
9 State.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Agriculture
12 Section 9–403
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Agriculture**

18 9–403.

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE” INCLUDES A SOIL**
20 **CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

21 **(B) After an agreement between the Secretary and [the] A county OR OTHER**
22 **SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE is executed, the Secretary and the county OR SUBDIVISION**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **OF THE STATE** may conduct surveys to determine the location and amount of infestation
2 of a noxious weed or other plant species within the county **OR SUBDIVISION OF THE**
3 **STATE.**

4 **(C)** [Both] **ALL** parties may provide technical assistance to landowners in a
5 cooperative control or eradication program, and may effect a program of mowing, spraying,
6 or other control or eradication practices on any road right-of-way, drainage ditch bank,
7 park, playground, and any other public or private land.

8 **(D)** The agreement between the Secretary and county **OR SUBDIVISION OF THE**
9 **STATE** may be terminated by either party on 30 days' written notice.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2020.