

the scope of the Authority's powers, it may in its discretion circulate questionnaires or conduct advisory referenda among such persons or within such areas as it may determine. The Authority shall not be bound by the results of any such questionnaire or referendum.

59K. (Rules and Regulations). (a) The Authority on the basis of the studies and investigations provided for hereinabove may recommend to the 1949 Session of the General Assembly, legislation designed to make more effective the handling and marketing procedures used for Maryland tobacco; to fix and determine the days for opening and closing the several sales markets, and to assure the accuracy of all weights and measures used by any licensed tobacco-commission selling agency.

(b) The Authority may by subpoena require the presence of any person necessary to a full consideration of any proposed study or amendment. In case of refusal on the part of any person to comply with a subpoena issued on behalf of the Authority, it shall be the duty of the Circuit Court of any County, or of any judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, on application of the Authority, to compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court.

59L. (Employees). The Authority may employ an Executive Secretary-Treasurer and such other employees, agents, or experts as it determines to be for the best interests of the Authority, and fix the compensation and conditions of employment of any such persons, subject to the provisions of the budget. It may rent, lease or buy office space, and purchase supplies and equipment as it deems necessary.

59M. (Attorney General). The Attorney General, or his assistant, shall advise and represent the Authority in all legal matters arising from its operations.

59N. (Licenses and Registrations). (a) The Authority shall issue to any tobacco commission selling agency, whether in the form of an individual, firm, association or corporation, upon payment of a license fee of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250) per year for each separate place of business, a license to engage in business as a tobacco commission selling agency; and no such agency shall engage in such business in Maryland without having secured such a license for the current year.

(b) The Authority shall issue to any person, firm, association or corporation, who or which purchases any tobacco