

(A) FARMLAND IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE STATE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM IF:

(1) (I) THE FARMLAND IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA, AS DESCRIBED IN § 8-1807 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE; AND

(II) IS ELIGIBLE---FOR---ENROLLMENT INITIALLY ENROLLED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1988 IN THE FEDERAL CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM UNDER THE FEDERAL FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 1985 AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THAT ACT; OR

(2) (I) THE FARMLAND IS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA; AND

(II) IS ELIGIBLE---FOR---ENROLLMENT INITIALLY ENROLLED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1988 IN THE FEDERAL CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM UNDER THE FEDERAL FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 1985 AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THAT ACT; AND

~~(III) IS LOCATED WITHIN 125 FEET OF A STREAM, RIVER, OR WETLAND;~~

~~(B) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE STATE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM THE OWNER SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~

(III) MEETS THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A CONSERVATION PRACTICE AS A VEGETATED FILTER STRIP.

~~(e) (B) IF THE OWNER OF FARMLAND THAT QUALIFIES UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SIGNS A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE PARTICIPATES IN THE STATE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY THE PERSON \$20 PER ACRE PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD SPECIFIED BY REGULATION.~~

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THE DEPARTMENT MAY COOPERATE WITH APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

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AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS MAY BE EXPENDED EACH YEAR BY THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND NEW ENROLLMENT IN THE STATE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM.

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THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER AND CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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