

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 857

AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Liming Materials and Gypsum

FOR the purpose of requiring a distributor of agricultural liming materials and gypsum to register certain information with the Secretary of Agriculture by a certain date; ~~altering certain fees~~; requiring certain information to be attached to or accompany certain agricultural liming and gypsum materials; repealing obsolete language; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to issue a stop-sale order for agricultural liming material or gypsum under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to agricultural liming materials and gypsum.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 6-305, 6-307, 6-308, 6-309, and 6-311

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

6-305.

(a) [Every manufacturer or importer of each brand or trade name of agricultural liming materials or gypsum, or both, who distributes agricultural liming materials or gypsum shall register with the Secretary by February 1 of each year.] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A DISTRIBUTOR SHALL REGISTER WITH THE SECRETARY BY FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR EACH BRAND OR TRADE NAME OF AGRICULTURAL LIMING MATERIAL OR GYPSUM BEFORE DISTRIBUTING THE LIMING MATERIAL OR GYPSUM IN THE STATE. The application for registration shall be accompanied by a copy of the statement of the composition of the brands of the materials AS required by § 6-307.

(b) Each applicant for registration shall pay an annual ~~[\$110]~~ \$120 registration fee for agricultural liming materials and gypsum sold or distributed in the State. In addition, each registrant shall pay an inspection fee at the rate of ~~[\$10]~~ 45 cents per ton sold in the State.

(c) [If the registration and inspection fees for any brand of agricultural liming materials or gypsum are paid by any other person, the distributor is not required to make these payments.