

Article - Agriculture

Section 8-803.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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8-704.1.

(a) In this section, "Service" means the [Poultry Litter] MANURE Matching Service.

(b) The Department shall create a [Poultry Litter] MANURE Matching Service.

(c) The purpose of the Service is to develop transfer programs and marketing techniques to promote and facilitate the transfer of poultry [litter] AND LIVESTOCK MANURE.

(d) The Service shall be implemented in conjunction with the Poultry Litter Transportation Pilot Project set forth in § 8-704.2 of this subtitle.

(e) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill sufficient funds to carry out this section.

8-704.2.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Commercial poultry producer" means any entity that contracts with a farmer to raise poultry for the producer on property owned or leased by the farmer.

(3) "Pilot Project" means the [Poultry Litter] MANURE Transportation Pilot Project.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) For a 4-year period the State and the commercial poultry producers shall facilitate the prompt transportation of poultry litter from farms in all areas of the State that experience phosphorus overenrichment;

(2) THE STATE SHALL FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF LIVESTOCK MANURE FROM FARMS IN ALL PARTS OF THE STATE THAT EXPERIENCE PHOSPHORUS OVERENRICHMENT.

[(2)](3) The Pilot Project shall encourage voluntary participation to achieve the removal of poultry litter produced by at least 20% of the poultry in the four lower Eastern Shore counties in Maryland; and

[(3)](4) The Pilot Project shall be implemented in conjunction with the [Poultry Litter] MANURE Matching Service set forth in § 8-704.1 of this subtitle.