

district to inspect certain sites; authorizing a soil conservation district to establish a fee system under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of soil conservation districts to inspect sites for compliance with grading and sediment control plans.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 4-103(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 8-306(a)(19)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 8-306(a)(19) through (21)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

4-103.

(F) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY, BY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT, MAY AUTHORIZE A SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO INSPECT SITES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPROVED ~~GRADING AND~~ SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS.

(2) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO INSPECT SITES OVER WHICH A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY HAS BEEN DELEGATED ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) (I) A DISTRICT AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM INSPECTIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY ESTABLISH A FEE SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF INSPECTION FEES ON ALL SITES IN THE DISTRICT WITH APPROVED PLANS.

(II) THE FEES SHALL BE BASED ON THE REASONABLY ANTICIPATED COST OF INSPECTIONS TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT.