

CHAPTER 296

(House Bill 420)

AN ACT concerning

Pesticide Registration Fees - Fees and Retention of Unexpended Funds

FOR the purpose of reducing the amount of unexpended funds that may be retained in a certain special fund at the end of a fiscal year; and altering the fees for registering a pesticide with the Secretary of Agriculture.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 5-103 and 5-105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

5-103.

The registration fee and all late fees under this subtitle shall be placed in a special fund to be used only to defray partially the cost of administering this subtitle. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, any unexpended funds up to a maximum of ~~[\$100,000]~~ ~~\$50,000~~ \$75,000 may not revert to the general funds of the State at the end of the fiscal year.

5-105.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (g), a distributor shall register with the Secretary each brand or product name of a pesticide before distributing it in the State. The registration for each pesticide expires December 31 each year.

(b) Each applicant shall file with the Secretary a statement listing:

(1) The name and address of each applicant and the name and address of the person whose name will appear on the label, if other than the registrant;

(2) The name of the pesticide;

(3) A complete copy of the labeling accompanying the pesticide and a statement of every claim to be made for it, including directions for use; and

(4) A full description of every test conducted and the results upon which any claim is based, if requested by the Secretary.