

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PERSONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH A VOLUNTARY AND LOW-COST PROCESS TO SETTLE AGRICULTURALLY RELATED DISPUTES.

1-1A-03.

(A) THE SECRETARY MAY:

(1) ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON REQUESTING AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT;

(2) ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING TO SERVE AS A MEDIATOR IN THE STATE AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAM;

(3) CONTRACT WITH ANY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE MEDIATION SERVICES FOR QUALIFIED MEDIATION APPLICANTS; AND

(4) RECEIVE GRANTS FOR PURPOSES OF DEFRAYING THE COSTS OF THE STATE AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAM.

(B) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:

(1) MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR ESTABLISHING A FEDERALLY CERTIFIED STATE AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAM; AND

(2) IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1-1A-04.

EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF MEETING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A FEDERALLY CERTIFIED STATE AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL MEDIATION RECORDS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

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**CHAPTER 201**

**(House Bill 92)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Egg Law**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of the term "shell eggs" to include certain treated eggs; including donated eggs under certain regulations; prohibiting a person from donating, selling, offering for sale, advertising, or delivering certain eggs; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish certain standards;