

5-594.7.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MAKE OR CAUSE ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR REPORT TO BE MADE IN ANY APPLICATION OR IN ANY DOCUMENT FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS PART.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MAKE OR CAUSE ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR REPORT TO BE MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING THE ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AN APPLICATION FOR A DIRECT INCENTIVE GRANT OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING ANY ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AFFECTING A DIRECT INCENTIVE GRANT WHETHER OR NOT SUCH A GRANT MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN AWARDED.

(C) ANY PERSON OR ANY AIDER OR ABETTOR WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT IN THE PENITENTIARY NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

5-594.8.

THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART.

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 257

### (House Bill 994)

AN ACT concerning

### Organically Produced Commodities

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions relating to the organic certification program to comply with the regulatory requirements of the federal Organic Food Production Act; repealing certain fees and requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to set a certain fees fee; making certain records confidential; and generally relating to a certification program governing organic agricultural commodities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 10-1401, 10-1402, 10-1403, and 10-1406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture