

(3) The annual renewal fee for certification as a producer of organic commodities is \$100.

(b) The annual permit fee for a processor of organic commodities is \$100.

(c) The annual permit fee for a distributor or retailer of organic commodities is \$75.

(d) Permits and certifications under this subtitle expire 1 year from the date of issuance.

(e) The Secretary shall establish procedures for the issuance of permits and certifications under this subtitle. ] ~~THE SECRETARY SHALL SET A REASONABLE FEES FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCERS AND HANDLERS TO PARTIALLY DEFRAY THE COST OF OPERATING THE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FEE, NOT TO EXCEED \$500, TO DEFRAY THE COST OF CONDUCTING FIELD INSPECTIONS AND LABORATORY ANALYSIS AS REQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ORGANIC FOOD PROGRAM FOR ACCREDITED CERTIFYING AGENTS.~~

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EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTION ACT, 7 U.S.C. § 6501 ET SEQ., THE RECORD CUSTODIAN SHALL DENY ACCESS TO ANY BUSINESS-RELATED INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY PERSON REGULATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

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

Approved April 25, 2002.

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## CHAPTER 258

### (House Bill 999)

AN ACT concerning

### Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easement Sale Application

FOR the purpose of authorizing the board of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to determine certain easement sale application deadlines; and generally relating to the sale of easements to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-510(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland