

Section 8-704.1, 8-704.2, 8-803.1(a), (b), and (c), and 8-804(a)(2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 324 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Agriculture**

8-704.1.

- (a) In this section, "Service" means the Manure Matching Service.
- (b) The Department shall create a Manure Matching Service.
- (c) The purpose of the Service is to develop transfer programs and marketing techniques to promote and facilitate the transfer of poultry and livestock manure.
- (d) The Service shall be implemented in conjunction with the Manure Transportation [Pilot] Project set forth in § 8-704.2 of this subtitle.
- (e) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill sufficient funds to carry out this section.

8-704.2.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (2) "Commercial poultry producer" means any entity that contracts with a farmer to raise poultry for the producer on property owned or leased by the farmer.
  - (3) "[Pilot] Project" means the Manure Transportation [Pilot] Project.
- (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:
  - (1) [For a 4-year period the] THE State and the commercial poultry producers shall facilitate the prompt transportation of poultry litter from farms in all areas of the State that experience phosphorus overenrichment;
  - (2) The State shall facilitate the transfer of livestock manure from farms in all parts of the State that experience phosphorus overenrichment.
  - (3) The [Pilot] Project shall encourage voluntary participation to achieve the removal of poultry litter produced by at least 20% of the poultry in the four lower Eastern Shore counties in Maryland; and