

CHAPTER 226

(House Bill 237)

AN ACT concerning

Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact

FOR the purpose of entering the State of Maryland into the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; stating the purposes of the Compact; establishing the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact Commission for certain purposes; providing for the powers of the commission; establishing rulemaking procedures for the commission; providing for certain over-order pricing mechanisms; providing for certain referendums; providing for the enforcement of the compact; providing for the financing of the commission and the establishment of certain fees; providing for the effective status of the compact and the addition and withdrawal of compact members under certain circumstances; providing for the appointment, terms, and removal of members of the Maryland delegation to the commission; providing for the obtaining and use of certain information by certain persons; allowing the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt certain regulations; providing certain civil and criminal penalties for certain violations of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for a certain contingency; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-801 through 2-805, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

SUBTITLE 8. NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT.

2-801.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND HEREBY ENTERS INTO THE NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION. THE COMPACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII, § 20 OF THE COMPACT, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE CONSENT OF THE U. S. CONGRESS. THE TEXT OF THE COMPACT IS AS FOLLOWS: