

SUBTITLE AND THE NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT. THE INFORMATION MAY BE USED BY THE SECRETARY, THE MARYLAND DELEGATION TO THE COMMISSION, AND THE COMMISSION.

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THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT.

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(A) A PERSON MAY NOT VIOLATE A PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT, OR A REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR THE NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT.

(B) INSTEAD OF PURSUING CRIMINAL CHARGES PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE ON ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE A CIVIL PENALTY OF:

(1) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED, NOT MORE THAN \$500;

(2) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED, NOT MORE THAN \$1,000; OR

(3) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED, NOT MORE THAN \$2,000.

(C) PENALTIES COLLECTED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(D) EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE VIOLATION.

(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial members of the Maryland delegation to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact Commission shall expire as follows:

(1) one dairy farmer member in 2002;

(2) one consumer member and the dairy processor in 2001;

(3) one dairy farmer member in 2000; and

(4) one consumer member in 1999.

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take effect until a similar act is passed by at least two of the other states listed in Article VIII, § 20 of the Compact contained in § 2-801 of the Agriculture Article as enacted by this Act, the United States Congress consents to the Compact, and the conditions imposed by that consent have been met; that the other listed states are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the passage of similar Acts;~~