

~~requirements for persons applying commercial fertilizer under certain circumstances; altering the membership and tasks of the Nutrient Management Committee; requiring the Secretary to consult with the Nutrient Management Committee under certain circumstances; requiring certain reports; establishing an Animal Waste Technology Fund as a special, continuing, nonlapsing fund; authorizing the Department of Business and Economic Development to provide financial assistance from the Fund for certain purposes; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland individual and corporate income tax for certain expenses associated with the purchase of certain agricultural machinery under certain conditions; providing that the subtraction may be carried over to succeeding taxable years under certain circumstances; providing for a tax credit under the Maryland individual and corporate income tax for certain expenses associated with certain costs necessary to convert agricultural production to a certain nutrient management plan under certain circumstances; placing certain restrictions, conditions, and limits on the use of the tax credit; providing that the tax credit may be carried over to succeeding taxable years under certain circumstances; requiring an individual or corporation to receive a certain certification from the Department of Agriculture and file proof of the certification; requesting the Governor to target certain funds under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program to farms located in certain areas; requesting the Governor to support and fund certain research in cooperation with the private sector and certain public agencies; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; stating certain fundings requiring certain funding levels; providing legislative intent; and generally relating to nutrient management practices.~~

*FOR the purpose of establishing an Animal Waste Technology Fund as a special, continuing, nonlapsing fund; authorizing the Department of Business and Economic Development to provide financial assistance from the Fund for certain purposes; requiring certain commercial contract feed to contain certain ingredients by a certain date and to a certain extent; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to suspend or recommend to the General Assembly the modification or termination of the requirement under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to provide sufficient funding to maintain a certain level of field personnel for soil conservation districts; requiring each nutrient management plan to be developed considering certain factors; authorizing certain State cost sharing for certain costs of having nutrient management plans prepared; establishing certain limits for the cost sharing program; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain persons to have nutrient management plans and comply with nutrient management plans by certain dates; establishing certain penalties; authorizing the Department of the Environment to take certain action against certain persons under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to be certified by the Department of Agriculture as nutrient applicators under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for certification and certain penalties for failure to be certified establishing certain requirements for the certification of nutrient management consultants; establishing certain requirements for certain individuals receiving certain vouchers of completion from the Department of*