

Agriculture; establishing certain requirements for persons applying commercial fertilizers under certain circumstances; altering the membership and responsibilities of the Nutrient Management Advisory Committee; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to charge certain fees; requiring certain reports; ~~authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations to limit the size of swine farm operations;~~ 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; defining certain terms; requiring the Governor to target and coordinate certain funding; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a certain report by a certain date; requiring the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service to submit a certain annual report to the Nutrient Management Advisory Committee, the Governor, and the General Assembly; requiring the Maryland Department of Agriculture to provide certain notice to farmers of the availability of certain assistance and of the requirements of this Act; authorizing the transfer between certain departments of certain appropriations and positions for fiscal year 1999; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to nutrient management and water quality.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article—Agriculture

Section ~~6-101(a), (d), and (e), 6-102, 6-106, 6-113, 6-201(f), 8-801, 8-805, and 8-806~~

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Section ~~6-107.1, 8-405, 8-704.1, 8-704.2, 8-801.1, 8-801.2, 8-802.1, 8-802.2, 8-802.3, 8-803.4, and 8-807~~

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