

~~§ 704.1.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SERVICE" MEANS POULTRY LITTER MATCHING SERVICE.~~

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A POULTRY LITTER MATCHING SERVICE.~~

~~(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE SERVICE IS TO DEVELOP TRANSFER PROGRAMS AND MARKETING TECHNIQUES TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF POULTRY LITTER.~~

~~(D) THE SERVICE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POULTRY LITTER TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROJECT SET FORTH IN § 8-704.2 OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~(E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

~~Article Agriculture~~

~~§ 704.2.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PILOT PROJECT" MEANS THE POULTRY LITTER TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROJECT.~~

~~(B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT:~~

~~(1) FOR A 3 YEAR PERIOD THE STATE SHALL FACILITATE THE PROMPT TRANSPORTATION OF POULTRY LITTER FROM FARMS IN AREAS OF THE STATE THAT EXPERIENCE PHOSPHOROUS OVERENRICHMENT,~~

~~(2) THE PILOT PROJECT SHALL ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION TO ACHIEVE THE REMOVAL OF POULTRY LITTER PRODUCED BY 20% OF THE POULTRY IN THE FOUR LOWER EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES IN MARYLAND.~~

~~(3) THE PILOT PROJECT SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POULTRY LITTER MATCHING SERVICE SET FORTH IN § 8-704.1 OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROJECT IS TO ESTABLISH A COST SHARE PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF POULTRY LITTER FROM FARMS OVER A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS:~~

~~(1) TO BE USED IN AREAS WITH SOIL HOLDING CAPACITY FOR PHOSPHOROUS, OR~~

~~(2) TO BE USED IN WAYS OTHER THAN LAND APPLICATION.~~

~~(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF COST SHARE FUNDS FROM THIS PROGRAM.~~