

~~(E) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT POULTRY LITTER IS TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURES BEFORE TRANSPORTATION OF THE LITTER OCCURS.~~

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

~~Article — Agriculture~~

~~§ 801.~~

~~(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(b) "Certified nutrient management consultant" means an individual certified by the Department to prepare a nutrient management plan.~~

~~(c) "Nutrient management plan" means a plan prepared under this subtitle by a certified nutrient management consultant to manage the amount, placement, timing, and application of animal waste, commercial fertilizer, sludge, or other plant nutrients to prevent pollution and to maintain productivity.~~

~~§ 801.1.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GROSS INCOME" MEANS THE ACTUAL INCOME THAT IS RECEIVED IN A CALENDAR YEAR THAT RESULTS DIRECTLY FROM THE FARM OR AGRICULTURAL USE OF THE LAND.~~

~~(B) (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:~~

~~(1) (I) AN AGRICULTURAL OPERATION WITH LESS THAN \$2,500 IN GROSS INCOME, OR~~

~~(2) (II) A LIVESTOCK OPERATION WITH LESS THAN EIGHT ANIMAL UNITS AS DEFINED IN 40 C.F.R. PART 122, APPENDIX B.~~

~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(A) (C) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT BASED UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE FUNDS AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES, THE FOLLOWING GOALS BE ATTAINABLE:~~

~~(1) 50% OF FARM ACREAGE IN THE STATE HAVE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT MEET THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE IMPLEMENTED BY JULY 1, 2000;~~

~~(2) 70% OF FARM ACREAGE IN THE STATE HAVE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT MEET THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE IMPLEMENTED BY JULY 1, 2002; AND~~

~~(3) 80% OF THE FARM ACREAGE IN THE STATE HAVE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT MEET THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE IMPLEMENTED BY JULY 1, 2005.~~