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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University System of Maryland - Soil Testing - Fees and Procedures**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring certain soil testing laboratories in the University~~
4 ~~System of Maryland to establish certain procedures and requirements for the~~
5 ~~submission of certain soil samples;~~ prohibiting certain soil testing laboratories
6 in the University System of Maryland from charging a certain fee for a certain
7 soil test under certain circumstances; and requiring certain laboratories to issue
8 certain reports within a certain time frame; stating legislative intent that the
9 Governor include certain funds in the budget; and generally relating to soil
10 testing laboratories in the University System of Maryland.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Education
13 Section 13-704
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Education

2 13-704.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION "UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND" INCLUDES A
4 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION, COLLEGE OF A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION,
5 INSTITUTE, CENTER, AND ANY OTHER COMPONENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
6 MARYLAND.

7 ~~(B) A SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND~~
8 ~~SHALL:~~

9 ~~(1) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE~~
10 ~~SUBMISSION OF AGRICULTURAL FIELD SOIL SAMPLES FOR TESTING AT THE~~
11 ~~LABORATORY; AND~~

12 ~~(2) MAKE THE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER~~
13 ~~PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE AGRICULTURAL~~
14 ~~COMMUNITY.~~

15 ~~(C)~~ (B) FOR SOIL TESTS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP OR UPDATE A NUTRIENT
16 MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-801.1 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE,
17 A SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND:

18 (1) MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR TESTING AN AGRICULTURAL FIELD
19 SOIL SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY A RESIDENT OF THE STATE ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE~~
20 ~~PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS~~
21 ~~SECTION; AND~~

22 (2) SHALL REPORT THE TEST RESULTS OF AN AGRICULTURAL FIELD
23 SOIL SAMPLE TO THE PERSON SUBMITTING THE SAMPLE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE
24 DATE THE SAMPLE WAS RECEIVED BY THE LABORATORY.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
26 General Assembly that beginning in fiscal 2002 the Governor include funds in the
27 budget of the University System of Maryland equivalent to the amount of fee
28 revenues not received by the University System of Maryland as a result of this Act.

29 ~~SECTION 2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
30 effect October 1, 2000.

