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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Agriculture)**

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CHAPTER 108

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pesticide Applicator's Law - Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the certificate fee for a pest control consultant and pest
4 control applicator.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Agriculture
7 Section 5-207
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Agriculture**

13 5-207.

14 (a) Each pest control consultant, pest control applicator, or public agency
15 applicator shall obtain an annual certificate indicating competence in one or more
16 established categories from the Secretary. Each private applicator shall obtain a
17 certificate which shall require periodic renewal as determined by the Secretary.

18 (b) Each application for a certificate by a pest control consultant or pest
19 control applicator shall be accompanied by a [\$50] \$65 certificate fee plus \$25 for
20 each category in excess of one. Each application for a private applicator certificate
21 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$7.

1 (c) Each applicant for a pest control consultant certificate, pest control
2 applicator certificate, or public agency applicator certificate shall demonstrate
3 competence to consult on pest control or to apply pesticides safely in the State by
4 passing a written examination prepared and administered by the Department. There
5 shall be no charge for an initial examination, provided that each pest control
6 applicator or each pest control consultant shall pay \$10 for each category of
7 examination after the initial examination. Each applicant for a private applicator
8 certificate shall pass an examination given by the Department. A private applicator
9 certificate is valid for 3 years and may be renewed by the certificate holder by
10 participation in training approved by the Department.

11 (d) Each certificate shall be renewed upon payment of the certificate fee and
12 demonstration of satisfactory knowledge of pesticide use.

13 (e) Each place of business engaged in the business of conducting pest control
14 shall obtain an annual license indicating the category of operation.

15 (f) Each place of business engaged in the business of pest control or pest
16 control consulting shall pay to the Department an annual license fee of \$125 and shall
17 provide evidence of financial responsibility as required by the Department.

18 (g) Each license shall be renewed upon payment of the license fee and
19 submission of proof of liability insurance.

20 (h) A person who sells or distributes a restricted use pesticide shall hold a
21 dealer permit from the Secretary.

22 (1) Each application for a dealer permit shall be accompanied by a \$25
23 permit fee.

24 (2) Each dealer permit shall be renewed annually upon payment of the
25 permit fee.

26 (i) A public agency that applies a pesticide shall hold an annual public agency
27 permit from the Secretary.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
29 effect July 1, 2000.