

Chapter 296

(House Bill 400)

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Mosquito Control – Notification to Municipalities

FOR the purpose of requiring the State, a county, or a bicounty agency to provide to a municipality certain notification at least a certain amount of time before the State, county, or bicounty agency sprays a pesticide to control mosquitos within the municipality, subject to a certain exception; and generally relating to mosquito control.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 5–405.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

5–405.1.

(A) ~~AT~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE STATE, A COUNTY, OR A BICOUNTY AGENCY SPRAYS A PESTICIDE TO CONTROL MOSQUITOS WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY, THE STATE, COUNTY, OR BICOUNTY AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE TO THE MUNICIPALITY NOTIFICATION OF:

- (1) THE LOCATION OF THE SPRAYING; AND**
- (2) THE PLANNED DATE AND TIME OF THE SPRAYING.**

(B) IF THE STATE, A COUNTY, OR A BICOUNTY AGENCY DETERMINES THAT SPRAYING A PESTICIDE IS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE OUTBREAK OF A VIRUS, CONTAGION, OR SIMILAR PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT, THE STATE, COUNTY, OR BICOUNTY AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE MUNICIPALITY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.