

Chapter 367

(House Bill 511)

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Commercial Fertilizer Law – Definition of Soil Conditioner –
Alteration**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “soil conditioner” to include the digestate produced by anaerobic digestion for purposes of the Maryland Commercial Fertilizer Law; and generally relating to the Maryland Commercial Fertilizer Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 6–201(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

6–201.

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

(cc) (1) “Soil conditioner” means any substance or mixture of substances intended for sale, offered for sale, or distributed for:

(i) Manurial, soil enriching, or soil corrective purposes;

(ii) Promoting or stimulating the growth of plants;

(iii) Increasing the productivity of plants;

(iv) Improving the quality of crops; or

(v) Producing any chemical or physical change in the soil, except a commercial fertilizer, unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures, agricultural liming

material, and gypsum.

(2) “Soil conditioner” includes but is not limited to materials such as compost, peat, vermiculite, [or] perlite, **OR DIGESTATE PRODUCED BY ANAEROBIC DIGESTION** that are incorporated into the soil.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.