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

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Plant Disease Control - Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering fees for a certain certificate of nursery inspection and a
4 plant broker or dealer license under the plant disease control law.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Agriculture
7 Section 5-309(b) and (c)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1995 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 5-309.

14 (b) Each nursery shall be certified annually by the Secretary if it meets standards
15 established by the Department regarding freedom from plant pests and upon payment of
16 a fee of [\$50] \$75. All fees collected shall be placed in the Plant Protection Fund and
17 used to defray partially the cost of inspecting and certifying the nurseries.

18 (c) Each broker or dealer shall comply with the regulations established by the
19 Department and shall pay an annual license fee of [\$50] \$75. The Secretary may inspect
20 annually the nursery stock in a sales or holding yard of a broker or dealer. Each broker or
21 dealer shall pay the Secretary an inspection fee as provided in subsection (a) of this
22 section. All fees collected shall be placed in the Plant Protection Fund and used to defray
23 partially the cost of inspecting and licensing the brokers and dealers.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 1996.