

BY: Senator Stoltzfus

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 178, AS AMENDED

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 6, after “purposes;” insert “establishing a Poultry Litter Transportation Pilot Project;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3 of the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (SB0178/714413/15), in Amendment No. 2, strike beginning with “8-704.2.” in line 5 on page 1 through “OCCURS.” in line 12 on page 3 and substitute:

“8-704.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PILOT PROJECT" MEANS THE POULTRY LITTER TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROJECT.

(B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT:

(1) FOR A 3-YEAR PERIOD THE STATE SHALL FACILITATE THE PROMPT TRANSPORTATION OF POULTRY LITTER FROM FARMS IN AREAS OF THE STATE THAT EXPERIENCE PHOSPHOROUS OVERENRICHMENT;

(2) THE PILOT PROJECT SHALL ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION TO ACHIEVE THE REMOVAL OF POULTRY LITTER PRODUCED BY 20% OF THE POULTRY IN THE FOUR LOWER EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES IN MARYLAND; AND

(3) THE PILOT PROJECT SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POULTRY LITTER MATCHING SERVICE SET FORTH IN § 8-704.1 OF THIS

(Over)

SUBTITLE.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROJECT IS TO ESTABLISH A COST SHARE PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF POULTRY LITTER FROM FARMS OVER A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS:

(1) TO BE USED IN AREAS WITH SOIL HOLDING CAPACITY FOR PHOSPHOROUS; OR

(2) TO BE USED IN WAYS OTHER THAN LAND APPLICATION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF COST SHARE FUNDS FROM THIS PROGRAM.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT POULTRY LITTER IS TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURES BEFORE TRANSPORTATION OF THE LITTER OCCURS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7 of the Committee Amendments, in line 3 of Amendment No. 11, strike “4” and “2002” and substitute “3” and “2001”, respectively.