

BY: Senator Neall

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 178, AS AMENDED

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 15, after “certified;” insert “establishing certain requirements for persons applying commercial fertilizer under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (SB0178/714413/15), strike Amendment No. 8 in its entirety.

On pages 14 and 15 of the bill, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 14 through line 29 on page 15, inclusive, and substitute:

“8-803.4.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE APPLICATION OF COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER, AS DEFINED IN § 6-201 OF THIS ARTICLE:

(1) THAT IS APPLIED BY A PERSON WHO APPLIES COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER FOR HIRE; AND

(2) THAT IS APPLIED TO PROPERTY THAT IS:

(I) NOT USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES; AND

(II) 1. 3 OR MORE ACRES; OR

2. STATE PROPERTY.

(Over)

(B) A PERSON WHO APPLIES COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLETE AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER APPLICATION EVERY 3 YEARS.

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER § 8-804 OF THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL CREATE OR APPROVE A COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER APPLICATION PROGRAM.

(2) THE PROGRAM IS TO BE OFFERED AT SITES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO A PARTICIPANT UPON COMPLETION OF A PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION, A VOUCHER OF COMPLETION.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED VOUCHERS OF COMPLETION UNDER THIS SECTION.”.