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By: **Delegates Bozman, Poole, McClenahan, Conway, and Walkup**  
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Woodland Incentive Program - Per-Acre Limit**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department from charging in excess of a certain  
4 per-acre fee amount for certain services rendered to certain landowners in  
5 implementing certain approved forestry practices; and generally relating to the  
6 Woodland Incentive Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Natural Resources  
9 Section 5-305  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 5-305.

16 An approved applicant may receive cost-share assistance in the amount  
17 determined and approved by the Department, provided:

18 (1) No assistance may exceed 75 percent of the actual cost incurred by  
19 the applicant in implementing the approved practice on a particular tract of land;

20 (2) An eligible landowner may not receive more than \$5,000 in a  
21 calendar year for all approved practices implemented by the landowner, unless the  
22 owner has submitted a 3-year plan for woodland resource development under  
23 paragraph (3) of this section; and

24 (3) If the Department has approved a 3-year plan for woodland resource  
25 development, an eligible landowner may not receive more than \$15,000 during the  
26 3-year period for all approved practices implemented by the landowner.

1           (4)     A FEE CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR COST-SHARE AND  
2 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IT MAY RENDER THE LANDOWNER IN IMPLEMENTING  
3 APPROVED FORESTRY PRACTICES MAY NOT EXCEED \$10 FOR EACH AFFECTED ACRE  
4 DURING A 6-MONTH PERIOD.

5     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 1998.