

HOUSE BILL 983

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ENROLLED BILL

-- *Environmental Matters/Economic and Environmental Affairs* --

Introduced by **Delegates Rudolph and Hecht, the Eastern Shore Delegation,
and the Western Shore Maryland Delegation**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland, Maryland Cooperative Extension - Dairy Farm**
3 **Nutrient and Business Management Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Dairy Farm Nutrient and Business Management
5 Program administered by the University of Maryland, Maryland Cooperative
6 Extension; requiring the Program to develop and maintain a certain Dairy
7 Nutrient and Business Management Team to plan certain meetings and
8 workshops for State dairy farmers, their families, and their employees on
9 certain topics; mandating that the Program develop and maintain a certain
10 Dairy Advisory Team Program to organize certain local advisory teams to advise
11 and assist certain dairy farmers on certain matters; authorizing the Department
12 of Agriculture to adopt certain regulations; requiring a dairy farmer to submit a
13 certain application; and to pay a certain fee, and to sign a certain statement
14 before participating in a certain Dairy Advisory Team Program; providing for
15 the refund of the fee under specified circumstances; providing for a delayed
16 effective date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to

1 a Dairy Farm Nutrient and Business Management Program.

2 BY adding to

3 Article - Agriculture

4 Section 10-1501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 15. Dairy Farm Nutrient
5 and Business Management Program"

6 Annotated Code of Maryland

7 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

10 **Article - Agriculture**

11 SUBTITLE 15. DAIRY FARM NUTRIENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

12 10-1501.

13 (A) THERE IS A DAIRY FARM NUTRIENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
14 PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, MARYLAND
15 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.

16 (B) THE PROGRAM SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN:

17 (1) A DAIRY NUTRIENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TEAM TO PLAN
18 MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS FOR DAIRY FARMERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR
19 EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE ON FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, RUMINANT
20 NUTRITION, FORAGE CROPS, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, COMPLIANCE WITH
21 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, AND ANY TOPIC RELATED TO DAIRY FARM
22 BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT; AND

23 (2) A DAIRY ADVISORY TEAM PROGRAM TO ORGANIZE LOCAL ADVISORY
24 TEAMS TO ADVISE AND ASSIST DAIRY FARMERS IN THE STATE ON BUSINESS AND
25 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

26 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
27 IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

28 (2) IN ORDER FOR A DAIRY FARMER IN THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN
29 THE DAIRY ADVISORY TEAM PROGRAM, THE DAIRY FARMER SHALL:

30 (I) SUBMIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, MARYLAND
31 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AN APPLICATION ON A FORM REQUIRED BY THE
32 MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION; AND

33 (II) PAY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, MARYLAND
34 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, A ONETIME \$200 PROGRAM FEE; ~~AND~~

1 ~~(III) SIGN A STATEMENT AGREEING TO SHARE FINANCIAL AND~~
2 ~~PRODUCTION DATA WITH THE LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM.~~

3 (3) IF A DAIRY FARMER OR A DESIGNEE OF A DAIRY FARMER
4 COMPLETES PARTICIPATION IN THE DAIRY ADVISORY TEAM PROGRAM, THE
5 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, SHALL REFUND
6 TO THE DAIRY FARMER THE \$200 PROGRAM FEE COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH
7 (2)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, ~~1999~~ 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end
10 of September 30, ~~2003~~ 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
11 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.