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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

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, to pay a certain fee, and to sign a certain statement before
14 participating in a certain Dairy Advisory Team Program; providing for the
15 termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Dairy Farm Nutrient and
16 Business Management Program.

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Agriculture
19 Section 10-1501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 15. Dairy Farm Nutrient
20 and Business Management Program"
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Agriculture**

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

3 10-1501.

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

7 (B) THE PROGRAM SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN:

8 (1) A DAIRY NUTRIENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TEAM TO PLAN
9 MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS FOR DAIRY FARMERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR
10 EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE ON FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, RUMINANT
11 NUTRITION, FORAGE CROPS, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, COMPLIANCE WITH
12 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, AND ANY TOPIC RELATED TO DAIRY FARM
13 BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT; AND

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

17 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
18 IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

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

21 (I) SUBMIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, MARYLAND
22 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AN APPLICATION ON A FORM REQUIRED BY THE
23 MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION;

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

26 (III) SIGN A STATEMENT AGREEING TO SHARE FINANCIAL AND
27 PRODUCTION DATA WITH THE LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM.

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