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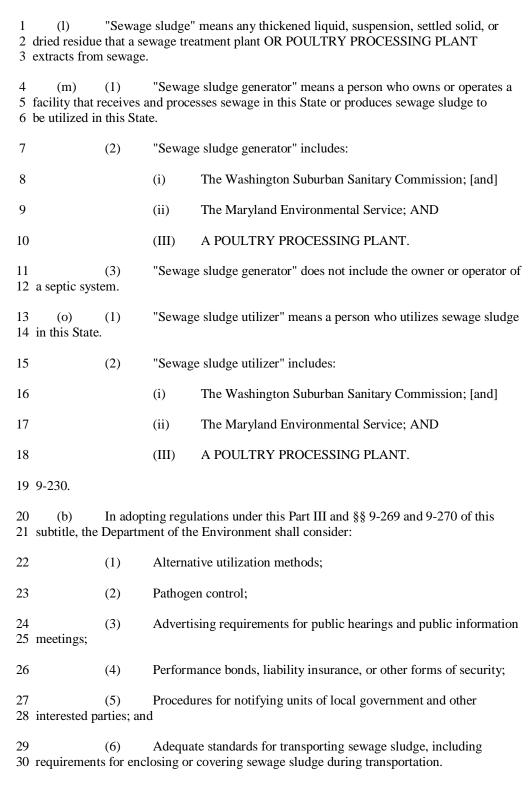
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- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to make certain
- 4 considerations before adopting certain regulations that relate to poultry
- 5 processing waste; expanding a certain remedy; altering certain definitions; and
- 6 generally relating to the regulation of poultry processing waste.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Environment
- 9 Section 9-201(k), (l), (m), and (o), 9-230(c), and 9-248
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Environment
- 14 Section 9-230(b)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Article - Environment

20 9-201.

- 21 (k) "Sewage" means:
- 22 (1) Any human or animal excretion or water-carried domestic waste;
- 23 [or]
- 24 (2) A mixture of industrial waste and any of the things in item (1) of this
- 25 subsection; OR
- 26 (3) ANY WASTE GENERATED FROM THE PROCESSING OF POULTRY.



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	(c) In addition to the considerations under subsection (b) of this section, in adopting regulations for the land application of sewage sludge, the Department of the Environment shall consider:					
4		(1)	Methods	s for calculating loading rates that:		
5			(i)	Will assure nondegradation of the groundwater supply; and		
	requirements Agriculture;	s of crop	(ii) or cover v	For agricultural land, shall be limited by the nutrient vegetation, as recommended by the Department of		
9 10	be applied;	(2)	The crop	os that are to be grown on land on which sewage sludge may		
11		(3)	The natu	are of any nearby surface water or groundwater;		
12		(4)	The char	racter of any affected area;		
13 14	routes;	(5)	The char	racter of nearby existing or planned land uses and transport		
15 16	sensitive are	(6) eas, inclu		rness of the land on which sewage sludge may be applied to d plains, wetlands, and areas of critical concern;		
17		(7)	The defi	nitions of:		
18 19	land;		(i)	Sewage sludge that is unsuitable for application to agricultural		
20			(ii)	Agricultural land;		
21			(iii)	Marginal land; and		
22			(iv)	Compost;		
23 24	heavy metal	(8) s;	Accepta	ble cumulative loading rates, including rates for nitrogen and		
25		(9)	Special	requirements of land used for producing tobacco; and		
26 27	Reasonable buffer areas to separate any home or other property from land on which sewage sludge may be applied.					
28	9-248.					
31	In addition to any other remedy authorized under this subtitle, the Department may bring an action to enjoin the violation of any law, regulation, or order concerning the utilization of sewage sludge under this Part III, § 9-269, or § 9-270 of this subtitle.					

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 October 1, 1999.