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By: **Senator Stoltzfus**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University System of Maryland - Soil Testing - Fees and Procedures**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain soil testing laboratories in the University  
4 System of Maryland to establish certain procedures and requirements for the  
5 submission of certain soil samples; prohibiting certain soil testing laboratories  
6 in the University System of Maryland from charging a certain fee for a certain  
7 soil test under certain circumstances; and requiring certain laboratories to issue  
8 certain reports within a certain time frame.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 13-704  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 13-704.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION "UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND" INCLUDES A  
19 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION, COLLEGE OF A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION,  
20 INSTITUTE, CENTER, AND ANY OTHER COMPONENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF  
21 MARYLAND.

22 (B) A SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND  
23 SHALL:

24 (1) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
25 SUBMISSION OF AGRICULTURAL FIELD SOIL SAMPLES FOR TESTING AT THE  
26 LABORATORY; AND

1           (2)     MAKE THE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER  
2 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE AGRICULTURAL  
3 COMMUNITY.

4     (C)     A SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND:

5           (1)     MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR TESTING AN AGRICULTURAL FIELD  
6 SOIL SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY A RESIDENT OF THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
7 PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS  
8 SECTION; AND

9           (2)     SHALL REPORT THE TEST RESULTS OF AN AGRICULTURAL FIELD  
10 SOIL SAMPLE TO THE PERSON SUBMITTING THE SAMPLE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE  
11 DATE THE SAMPLE WAS RECEIVED BY THE LABORATORY.

12     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2000.