

SENATE BILL 849

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Introduced and read first time: February 22, 2000

Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Agriculture - Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to pay a farmer eligible  
4 to participate in the Federal Crop Insurance Program a certain amount of  
5 money for Federal Crop Insurance premiums paid; authorizing for moneys  
6 provided under the Program to be distributed from a certain source; authorizing  
7 the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the  
8 Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Agriculture  
11 Section 2-901 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Maryland Crop  
12 Insurance Premium Program"  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Agriculture**

18 **SUBTITLE 9. MARYLAND CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM PROGRAM.**

19 2-901.

20 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM PROGRAM WHICH IS  
21 ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING ELIGIBLE FARMERS TO  
22 PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE  
23 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

24 (B) (1) THE SECRETARY MAY PAY A FARMER ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
25 THE FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM NOT MORE THAN \$2 PER ACRE FOR ANY  
26 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM PAID BY THE FARMER.

1           (2)       THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE MONEY UNDER THE MARYLAND  
2 CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM PROGRAM FROM FUNDS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET.

3       (C)       THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
4 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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