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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture - Antibiotic and Hormone Use - Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Agriculture, on or before a certain date  
4 each year, to prepare a report that includes certain information about the types  
5 and amounts of antibiotics and hormones used in raising animals for certain  
6 purposes; requiring the Secretary to submit the report to the Department of  
7 Health and Mental Hygiene; and generally relating to the reporting of the use of  
8 antibiotics and hormones in agriculture.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Agriculture  
11 Section 6-111.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Agriculture**

17 6-111.1.

18 (A) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL  
19 PREPARE A REPORT THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS  
20 AND HORMONES IN AGRICULTURE. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

21 (1) INFORMATION ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS AND HORMONES GIVEN  
22 THROUGH FEED, THROUGH DIRECT ADMINISTRATION, OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS TO  
23 ANIMALS RAISED TO BE USED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; AND

24 (2) INFORMATION ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS AND HORMONES GIVEN  
25 THROUGH FEED, THROUGH DIRECT ADMINISTRATION, OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS TO  
26 ANIMALS RAISED TO PRODUCE PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING  
27 DAIRY PRODUCTS AND SHELL EGGS.

1 (B) (1) FOR EACH ANTIBIOTIC AND HORMONE ROUTINELY GIVEN BY MEANS  
2 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FEED, WATER, SPRAY, OR INJECTION, THE  
3 SECRETARY SHALL COLLECT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION IN  
4 THE REPORT:

5 (I) THE GENERIC AND TRADE NAME OF THE ANTIBIOTIC OR  
6 HORMONE;

7 (II) THE METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION;

8 (III) THE AMOUNT OF ANTIBIOTIC OR HORMONE PER UNIT OF FEED,  
9 WATER, SPRAY, INJECTION, OR PER ANIMAL AS APPROPRIATE;

10 (IV) THE SPECIES OF ANIMAL THAT RECEIVED THE ANTIBIOTIC OR  
11 HORMONE; AND

12 (V) THE REASON FOR ADMINISTRATION.

13 (2) THE SECRETARY WILL DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE  
14 METHODS OF OBTAINING THESE DATA IN CONSULTATION WITH ANIMAL GROWERS,  
15 SUPPLIERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND RELEVANT EXPERTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
16 MARYLAND.

17 (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VETERINARIAN TREATING A SINGLE  
18 ANIMAL FOR INFECTION OR FOR OTHER PROBLEMS UNRELATED TO FEEDING  
19 ISSUES.

20 (D) THE REPORT MAY NOT DISCLOSE THE ACTIONS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH  
21 RESPECT TO THE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS OR HORMONES IN AGRICULTURE.

22 (E) THE SECRETARY SHALL:

23 (1) SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS  
24 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
25 COMMITTEE; AND

26 (2) SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
27 MENTAL HYGIENE.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2001.