
By: **Delegate Stocksdale**
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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 prohibiting certain soil testing laboratories in the University
4 System of Maryland from charging a certain fee for a certain soil test under
5 certain circumstances; requiring certain laboratories to issue certain reports
6 within a certain time frame; stating legislative intent that the Governor include
7 certain funds in the budget; and generally relating to soil testing laboratories in
8 the University System of Maryland.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Education
11 Section 13-704
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 - 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, OR ANY OTHER COMPONENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
21 MARYLAND.

22 (B) FOR SOIL TESTS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP OR UPDATE A NUTRIENT
23 MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-801.1 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE,
24 A SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND:

25 (1) MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR TESTING AN AGRICULTURAL FIELD
26 SOIL SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY A RESIDENT OF THE STATE; AND

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
5 General Assembly that beginning in fiscal 2003 the Governor include funds in the
6 budget of the University System of Maryland equivalent to the amount of fee
7 revenues not received by the University System of Maryland as a result of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2001.