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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Land Clearing Debris Permits - Farm Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting a person who deposits land clearing debris from a
4 working farm into a certain ravine from refuse disposal systems permitting
5 requirements; and generally relating to the disposal of land clearing debris from
6 a working farm.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Environment
9 Section 9-204(a) through (d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Environment
14 Section 9-204.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 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 9-204.

21 (a) This section applies to any water supply system, sewerage system, refuse
22 disposal system that is for public use, or any refuse disposal system that is a solid
23 waste acceptance facility as defined in § 9-501(n) of this title if the solid waste
24 acceptance facility is installed, altered, or extended after July 1, 1988.

25 (b) (1) The Secretary may adopt reasonable and proper regulations for
26 submission of plans. These regulations may include the collection of a fee at the time
27 of application for:

1 (i) A permit issued under this section for a privately owned water
2 supply or sewerage system; or

3 (ii) A permit applied for by a local unit of government for a
4 privately financed water supply or sewerage system.

5 (2) The Secretary shall provide the regulated community an opportunity
6 to participate in the rate setting and regulatory processes.

7 (c) (1) Before a person draws plans or submits an application under this
8 section for a proposed water supply system, sewerage system, or refuse disposal
9 system, the person may submit to the Secretary a preliminary statement on the
10 proposed system.

11 (2) At the request of the person, the Secretary shall outline the general
12 requirements that must be met before the Secretary would approve the proposed
13 system.

14 (d) A person shall have a permit issued by the Secretary under this section
15 before the person installs, materially alters, or materially extends a water supply
16 system, sewerage system, or refuse disposal system.

17 9-204.1.

18 A PERSON WHO DEPOSITS LAND CLEARING DEBRIS FROM A WORKING FARM
19 INTO A RAVINE ON THE WORKING FARM OR ANOTHER WORKING FARM IS EXEMPT
20 FROM THE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER PART II OF THIS SUBTITLE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
22 effect June 1, 2002.