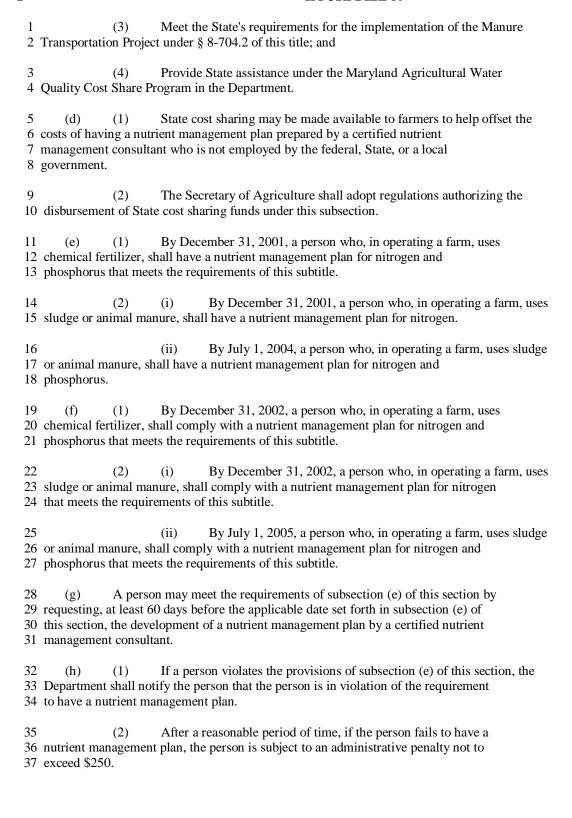
## **HOUSE BILL 80**

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	A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning
2	Agriculture - Nutrient Management Plans - Applicability
3	FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum gross income of an agricultural operation subject to nutrient management plan requirements.
5 6 7 8 9	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Agriculture Section 8-803.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)
10 11	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
12	Article - Agriculture
13	8-803.1.
14 15	(a) In this section, "gross income" means the actual income that is received in a calendar year that results directly from the farm or agricultural use of the land.
16	(b) This section does not apply to:
17 18	(1) An agricultural operation with less than [\$2,500] \$10,000 in gross income; or
19 20	(2) A livestock operation with less than eight animal units defined as 1,000 pounds of live animal weight per animal unit.
21 22	(c) The Governor shall provide sufficient funding in each fiscal year's budget to:
23	(1) Assist in the development of nutrient management plans;
24 25	(2) Meet the technical assistance and evaluation requirements of this section;



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