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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -  
Departmental - Agriculture)**

Requested: November 15, 2004

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture - Animal Health - Civil Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to impose a civil penalty  
4 on any person who violates certain animal health requirements relating to  
5 livestock and poultry; providing for the disposition of certain penalties;  
6 requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to  
7 enforcement of certain animal health requirements.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Agriculture  
10 Section 3-116  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Agriculture**

16 3-116.

17 (A) IN LIEU OF OR IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTY PROVIDED BY THIS  
18 SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.

19 (B) PENALTIES COLLECTED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL  
20 BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

21 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE  
22 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2005.