

Chapter 215

(Senate Bill 69)

AN ACT concerning

Woodland Incentives Program – Prohibition on Use of Federal Funds – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on the use of federal funds administered by the Woodland Incentives Program in conjunction with certain other funds; prohibiting certain persons from receiving in excess of a certain amount of certain woodland management cost share assistance; making a technical correction; and generally relating to the Woodland Incentives Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

5–304.

(A) An applicant for cost–share assistance shall:

- (1) Submit a woodland management plan to the Department;
- (2) File an application with the Department stating:
 - (i) The practice to be implemented;
 - (ii) The approximate cost of the practice to be implemented; and
 - (iii) A description of the land or lands upon which the practice is to be implemented; [and]
- (3) File a statement of intent stating that the owner:
 - (i) Intends to use the cost–share assistance for long–range timber growing and improvement; **AND**

[(ii) Is not receiving or using federal funds for implementation of an approved practice on the same acre of land or lands described in the application; and

(iii)] (II) If there is joint tenancy, tenancy in common, or group ownership, has no knowledge of another application that is pending for cost-share assistance to be used on the land described in the application; and

(4) Submit other information required by the Department.

(B) AN OWNER MAY NOT RECEIVE A TOTAL OF STATE AND FEDERAL COST SHARE ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS 100% OF THE ACTUAL COST OF THE APPROVED PRACTICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.