

## Chapter 222

(Senate Bill 93)

AN ACT concerning

### Agriculture – Pest Control – Fees and Registration

FOR the purpose of clarifying the authority of the Department of Agriculture to charge a fee for the retaking of certain examinations; requiring the operator of a pest control business annually to register certain employees with the Department; establishing certain registration and renewal fees; requiring the payment of certain late fees for certain applicants for a certain license, certificate, or registration renewal; and generally relating to requirements for the application of pesticide.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Agriculture  
Section 5–207(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Agriculture  
Section 5–207(j) and (k)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 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 – Agriculture

5–207.

(c) Each applicant for a pest control consultant certificate, pest control applicator certificate, or public agency applicator certificate shall demonstrate competence to consult on pest control or to apply pesticides safely in the State by passing a written examination prepared and administered by the Department. There shall be no charge for an initial examination, provided that each pest control applicator or each pest control consultant shall pay \$10 for each [category of] examination **RETAKEN** after the initial examination. Each applicant for a private applicator certificate shall pass an examination given by the Department. A private applicator certificate is valid for 3 years and may be renewed by the certificate holder by participation in training approved by the Department.

**(J) (1) ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES A PEST CONTROL BUSINESS SHALL REGISTER ANNUALLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT EACH EMPLOYEE, OTHER THAN A CERTIFIED APPLICATOR, WHO OFFERS OR PERFORMS PEST CONTROL AT EACH BUSINESS LOCATION.**

**(2) THE APPLICATION FEE TO REGISTER AN EMPLOYEE INITIALLY IS \$30.**

**(3) THE ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE TO REGISTER AN EMPLOYEE IS \$30.**

**(K) IF AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION IS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT MORE THAN ~~10~~ 30 DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION, THE APPLICANT IS SUBJECT TO A \$30 LATE FEE.**

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.**