



Maryland Association of Green Industries, Inc.

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Ref- HB161 Nutrient Management -Professional Fertilizer Applicators - Requirements and Penalties - SUPPORT

Chairman Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

The Maryland Association of Green Industries supports HB 161. We were involved with the Nutrient Management law when it was passed as the Fertilizer Use Act of 2011. We support this technical change to the law as it codifies what the original intent was - that is that the professional commercial applicator business was supposed to have a business license to be able to apply lawn fertilizer in Maryland. Right now, the law evidently isn't clear enough so there are companies that are hiring a certified applicator but the business itself doesn't have a license. We agree that should be corrected.

We ask for a FAVORABLE report for HB 161.

Respectfully Yours,

Mark Schlossberg
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