



AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WASTE MANAGEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-6c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 The Commissioner of Agriculture may reimburse any farmer for
4 part of the cost of compliance with a comprehensive farm nutrient
5 management plan or a farm resources management plan, provided
6 such plan has been [certified] approved by the [federal Farm Service
7 Agency, or the Department of Environmental Protection and the cost is
8 in accordance with said certification] Commissioner of Environmental
9 Protection. Practices will be certified for payment in cooperation with
10 the United States Department of Agriculture. The total federal and
11 state grant available to a farmer shall not be more than seventy-five per
12 cent of such cost. In making grants under this section the
13 commissioner shall give priority to capital improvements made in
14 accordance with a farm resources plan prepared pursuant to section
15 22a-354m.

16 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be a Department of
17 Agriculture and Natural Resources which shall have authority over
18 matters relating to agriculture, fish and game and forestry.

19 (b) The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the

20 Department of Environmental Protection, shall, in consultation with
21 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
22 cognizance of matters relating to the environment and appropriations
23 and the budgets of state agencies develop a plan to implement the
24 provisions of subsection (a) of this section by January 1, 2004.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

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