

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 108

(House Bill 159)

AN ACT concerning

Pesticide Applicator's Law - Fees

FOR the purpose of altering the certificate fee for a pest control consultant and pest control applicator.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 5-207

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

5-207.

(a) Each pest control consultant, pest control applicator, or public agency applicator shall obtain an annual certificate indicating competence in one or more established categories from the Secretary. Each private applicator shall obtain a certificate which shall require periodic renewal as determined by the Secretary.

(b) Each application for a certificate by a pest control consultant or pest control applicator shall be accompanied by a ~~[\$50]~~ \$65 certificate fee plus \$25 for each category in excess of one. Each application for a private applicator certificate shall be accompanied by a fee of \$7.

(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 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.