

Total Reduction in Previously Authorized Debt	-0-	-0-	8,663,000	-0-
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SECTION ~~13.~~ 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.

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**CHAPTER 433**

**(Senate Bill 182)**

AN ACT concerning

**Water Quality Improvement Act - Nutrient Management**

FOR the purpose of adding a certain alternative to requirements for nutrient management plans; altering requirements relating to filings concerning nutrient management plans; eliminating the requirement that a certain farm owner or operator grant the Department of Agriculture the right of entry for a certain purpose; altering the term and fee for the renewal of certain licenses and certificates; authorizing the Department to issue certain certificates for persons operating a farm under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to procure the services of private certified nutrient management consultants to develop nutrient management plans; authorizing the Department to review certain plans and records under certain circumstances; providing for certain site visits under certain circumstances; and generally relating to nutrient management.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 8-801.1, 8-803, 8-803.1, and 8-806

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article - Agriculture**

8-801.1.

(a) (1) Each nutrient management plan shall be developed considering factors including:

(i) Levels of bioavailable nitrogen and phosphorus in the soil;

(ii) Levels of bioavailable nitrogen and phosphorus in all fertilizer materials to be applied;