

SENATE BILL 69

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ENROLLED BILL

— Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters —

Introduced by **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**
(By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Woodland Incentives Program – Prohibition on Use of Federal Funds –**
3 **Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on the use of federal funds administered
5 by the Woodland Incentives Program in conjunction with certain other funds;
6 prohibiting certain persons from receiving in excess of a certain amount of
7 certain woodland management cost share assistance; making a technical
8 correction; and generally relating to the Woodland Incentives Fund.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 5–304
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Natural Resources**

4 5–304.

5 **(A)** An applicant for cost–share assistance shall:

6 (1) Submit a woodland management plan to the Department;

7 (2) File an application with the Department stating:

8 (i) The practice to be implemented;

9 (ii) The approximate cost of the practice to be implemented; and

10 (iii) A description of the land or lands upon which the practice is
11 to be implemented; [and]

12 (3) File a statement of intent stating that the owner:

13 (i) Intends to use the cost–share assistance for long–range
14 timber growing and improvement; **AND**

15 [(ii) Is not receiving or using federal funds for implementation of
16 an approved practice on the same acre of land or lands described in the application;
17 and

18 (iii)] **(II)** If there is joint tenancy, tenancy in common, or group
19 ownership, has no knowledge of another application that is pending for cost–share
20 assistance to be used on the land described in the application; and

21 (4) Submit other information required by the Department.

22 **(B) AN OWNER MAY NOT RECEIVE A TOTAL OF STATE AND FEDERAL**
23 **COST SHARE ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS 100% OF THE ACTUAL**
24 **COST OF THE APPROVED PRACTICE.**

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