

SENATE BILL 69

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

Requested: October 5, 2009

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

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 and generally relating to the Woodland Incentives Fund.

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

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 5–304.

16 An applicant for cost–share assistance shall:

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

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

19 (i) The practice to be implemented;

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

4 (i) Intends to use the cost-share assistance for long-range
5 timber growing and improvement; **AND**

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

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

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

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