



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

DATE: 1/26/2016 BILL NO.: SB 112

SUBJECT: PEST CONTROL COMPACT - REPEAL

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

MDA POSITION: SUPPORT

EXPLANATION:

SB 112 repeals the Maryland Pest Control Compact in its entirety. The Interstate Pest Control Compact (IPCC) governing board voted to dissolve the IPCC in 2012 and it ceased operations in 2013. With the dissolution of the IPCC, the Maryland Pest Control Compact Law is obsolete.

COMMENT:

The IPCC was formed in 1968 with the assistance of the Council of State Governments to allow individual states to contribute to plant pest control, suppression, or eradication beyond their state boundaries. Maryland joined the IPCC in 1976 pursuant to legislation enacted by the Maryland General Assembly. The Department has been awarded a total of \$98,400.00 since then; however we have not received any funding from the Compact since 1983.

The IPCC was dismantled in 2012 due to a change in its Internal Revenue designation from a 501(c)(3) public charity to a private foundation which had profound tax implications for the Compact and its insurance fund. On September 13, 2012, the governing board of the IPCC voted to dissolve the Compact and transfer the fund balance to the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture's Research Foundation. The IPCC ceased operations effective, February 4, 2013.

MDA requests a favorable report for SB 112.