

LEGISLATION 2002
Relating to Agricultural Land Preservation Issues

House Bill 400 - Agriculture - Land Preservation Easement (Unfavorable)

Alters the criteria required to purchase agricultural land preservation easements; adding language that would allow including agricultural uses allowed by local agricultural zoning ordinances.

House Bill 567 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Allegany and Garrett Counties - Natural Gas Rights (Vetoed by the Governor - Policy)

Requiring that regulations and procedures adopted by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation for the establishment and monitoring of agricultural districts may not require, in Garrett County or Allegany county, a natural gas rights owner or lessee to subordinate its interest to the Foundation's interest if the Foundation determines that exercise of gas rights will not interfere with an agricultural operation on district land; etc.

House Bill 722 - Agricultural Land Preservation Easements - Kennels (Unfavorable)

Allowing a landowner whose land is subject to a certain agricultural land preservation to use the land for a kennel, defining a certain term, and generally relating to allowing a landowner, whose land is subject to a certain agricultural land preservation easement to use the land for a kennel.

House Bill 810 - Task Force to Study Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (Companion to Senate Bill 544) (Passed)

Re-creates the 18 member Task Force to study the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and make recommendations to improve the program's policies, practices and financial standing; requiring the Task Force to issue a report; and terminating the Task Force.

House Bill 998 - Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easements - Commercial Use (Companion to Senate Bill 435) (Unfavorable)

Authorizes the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to allow nonagricultural, commercial use of land subject to certain preservation easements under certain circumstances; requiring the Foundation to establish certain standards for determining permissible uses; and generally relating to authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to allow nonagricultural, commercial use of land subject to preservation easements.

House Bill 999 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easement Sale Application (Companion to Senate Bill 391) (Passed)

Authorizes the Board of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to determine specified easement sale application deadlines.

House Bill 1000 - Agricultural Land Preservation - Easements - Dwelling House (Vetoed by the Governor - Policy)

Requires the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to release 1 acre to a landowner who

originally sold an easement or to a subsequent landowner in Carroll County for the purpose of constructing a dwelling house under specified circumstances; prohibiting a landowner from subdividing a dwelling house from the property covered by an easement; and generally relating to agricultural land preservation.

House Bill 1131 - Local Land Preservation Programs (Companion to Senate Bill 627) (Passed)

Provides for specified declarations of intent; authorizing local governments to adopt local land preservation programs for specified purposes; providing for the funding of local land preservation program in a specified manner; requiring the development and review of specified plans in connection with a local land preservation program, which may be satisfied using specified existing plans; providing for the review of acquisition applications by the Department of Natural Resources; etc.

House Bill 1384 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Proposed Agricultural Districts (Withdrawn)

Authorizes the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to approve a specified petition for land that has been subdivided or excluded from the proposed agricultural district under specified circumstances; requiring the Foundation to adopt regulations designed to protect the State's investment in easements for agricultural production; authorizing the Foundation to approve specified land that was subdivided or excluded for specified purposes; etc.

House Joint Resolution 22 (Companion to Senate Joint Resolution 10) - Preservation of Agricultural Land (Passed)

Establishes a statewide goal to triple the existing number of acres of productive, agricultural land preserved by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, GreenPrint, Rural Legacy and the local preservation programs by the year 2022.

Senate Bill 391 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easement Sale Application (Companion to House Bill 999) Vetoed by Governor - Cross filled bill was signed

Authorizes the Board of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to determine specified easement sale application deadlines.

Senate Bill 435- Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easements - Commercial Use (Companion to House Bill 998) (Unfavorable)

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Senate Bill 627 - Local Land Preservation Programs (Companion to House Bill 1131) (Passed)

Provides for specified declarations of intent; authorizing local governments to adopt local land preservation

programs for specified purposes; providing for the funding of local land preservation program in a specified manner; requiring the development and review of specified plans in connection with a local land preservation program, which may be satisfied using specified existing plans; providing for the review of acquisition applications by the Department of Natural Resources; etc.

Senate Joint Resolution 10 (Companion to Senate Joint Resolution 22) - Preservation of Agricultural Land (Passed - became Law - Joint Resolution 16)

Establishes a statewide goal to triple the existing number of acres of productive, agricultural land preserved by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, GreenPrint, Rural Legacy and the local preservation programs by the year 2022.