

# SENATE BILL 703

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(71r2004)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environment and Transportation* —

Introduced by **Senator Middleton**

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.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Participation in the**  
3 **Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ *requiring* certain agricultural land preservation easements  
5 to be included as part of a partnership under a certain federal program *under certain*  
6 *circumstances*; ~~requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation~~  
7 ~~to attempt to form a partnership under a certain federal program when making~~  
8 ~~certain agricultural land preservation easement purchases~~; and generally relating  
9 to the purchase of certain easements.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Agriculture  
12 Section 2–513(e)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2016 Replacement Volume)

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#### 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 MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Agriculture**

4 2-513.

5 (E) ~~(1)~~ AN AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASED  
6 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ~~MAY~~ SHALL BE INCLUDED AS PART OF A PARTNERSHIP  
7 UNDER THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION  
8 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER 10 U.S.C. § 2684A IF:

9 (1) THE LAND THAT IS SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT IS IN THE VICINITY  
10 OF, OR ECOLOGICALLY RELATED TO, THE ATLANTIC TEST RANGE;

11 (2) THE LANDOWNER WHOSE LAND IS SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT  
12 AGREES TO ANY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE EASEMENT UNDER THE READINESS  
13 AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER  
14 10 U.S.C. § 2684A; AND

15 (3) FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO THE FOUNDATION TO ENTER INTO AN  
16 AGREEMENT UNDER THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
17 INTEGRATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER 10 U.S.C. § 2684A.

18 ~~(2) WHEN PURCHASING AN AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION~~  
19 ~~EASEMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND~~  
20 ~~PRESERVATION FOUNDATION SHALL ATTEMPT TO FORM A PARTNERSHIP UNDER~~  
21 ~~THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM~~  
22 ~~ESTABLISHED UNDER 10 U.S.C. § 2684A.~~

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
24 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.