

HOUSE BILL 518

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Agritourism – Permit Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of adding Baltimore County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural
4 buildings engaged in agritourism from a certain permit requirement; providing for
5 the number of people allowed to occupy a building engaged in agritourism in
6 Baltimore County under certain circumstances; and generally relating to a permit
7 exemption for certain buildings engaged in agritourism.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 12–508

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 12–508.

17 (a) (1) In this section, “agricultural building” means a structure designed and
18 constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock, or other horticultural
19 products.

20 (2) “Agricultural building” does not include a place of human residence.

21 (b) This section applies only to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) **BALTIMORE COUNTY**, Calvert County, Carroll County, Cecil County,
2 Charles County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County,
3 Howard County, Prince George's County, St. Mary's County, Somerset County, and Talbot
4 County; or

5 (2) a county where the local legislative body has approved the application
6 of this section to the county.

7 (c) The Standards do not apply to the construction, alteration, or modification of
8 an agricultural building for which agritourism is an intended subordinate use.

9 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, an existing agricultural
10 building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a
11 building permit if the subordinate use of agritourism:

12 (1) is in accordance with limitations set forth in regulations adopted by the
13 Department;

14 (2) occupies only levels of the building on which a ground level exit is
15 located; and

16 (3) does not require more than 50 people to occupy an individual building
17 at any one time.

18 (e) In **BALTIMORE COUNTY**, Carroll County, Cecil County, Garrett County, and
19 Howard County, an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a
20 change of occupancy that requires a building permit if:

21 (1) the subordinate use of agritourism does not require more than 200
22 people to occupy an individual building at any one time; and

23 (2) the total width of means of egress meets or exceeds the International
24 Building Code standard that applies to egress components other than stairways in a
25 building without a sprinkler system.

26 (f) An agricultural building used for agritourism:

27 (1) shall be structurally sound and in good repair; but

28 (2) need not comply with:

29 (i) requirements for bathrooms, sprinkler systems, and elevators set
30 forth in the Standards; or

31 (ii) any other requirements of the Standards or other building codes
32 as set forth in regulations adopted by the Department.

1 (g) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
3 1, 2019.