

HOUSE BILL 860

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By: **Delegate Gilchrist**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Planning – Preservation of Agricultural Land – Goal**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a State goal of preserving a certain amount of productive
4 agricultural land by a certain year through certain programs; and generally relating
5 to the preservation of agricultural land.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – State Finance and Procurement

8 Section 5–7A–03

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

14 **5–7A–03.**

15 **THE STATE HAS A GOAL OF PRESERVING A TOTAL OF 1,030,000 ACRES OF**
16 **PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL LAND BY 2030 THROUGH:**

17 **(1) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION**
18 **FOUNDATION;**

19 **(2) THE MARYLAND GREENPRINT PROGRAM;**

20 **(3) THE RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST; AND**

2 **(5) LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2021.