

SENATE BILL 692

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(11r2690)

ENROLLED BILL

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

Introduced by **Senator Young**

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.

President.

CHAPTER _____

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; *declaring the intent of*
5 *the General Assembly*; and generally relating 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:

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 Article – State Finance and Procurement

2 5-7A-03.

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

5 (1) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
6 FOUNDATION;

7 (2) THE MARYLAND GREENPRINT PROGRAM;

8 (3) THE RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM;

9 ~~(4) THE NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM;~~

10 ~~(4) (5) (4)~~ THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST; ~~AND~~

11 (5) THE NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM;

12 AND

13 ~~(5) (6)~~ LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
15 Assembly that this Act shall be construed as extending the deadline to meet the State's
16 agricultural land preservation goal set under Joint Resolutions 16 and 17 of the Acts of
17 2002, from 2022 to 2030, and to include acres preserved through the Maryland
18 Environmental Trust and the Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program as
19 contributing toward the goal.

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