

# HOUSE BILL 558

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By: **Delegate Clark**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Land Use – Agritourism – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “agritourism” to include camping and  
4 incidental outdoor stays for the purpose of a certain provision of law authorizing a  
5 local jurisdiction to adopt the definition of “agritourism”; and generally relating to  
6 agritourism.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Land Use

9 Section 4–212

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Land Use**

15 4–212.

16 (a) (1) In this section, “agritourism” means an activity conducted on a farm  
17 that is offered to a member of the general public or to invited guests for the purpose of  
18 education, recreation, or active involvement in the farm operation.

19 (2) “Agritourism” includes:

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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.



- 1 (i) farm tours;
- 2 (ii) hayrides;
- 3 (iii) corn mazes;
- 4 (iv) seasonal petting farms;
- 5 (v) farm museums;
- 6 (vi) guest farms;
- 7 (vii) pumpkin patches;
- 8 (viii) “pick your own” or “cut your own” produce;
- 9 **(IX) CAMPING;**
- 10 **(X) INCIDENTAL OUTDOOR STAYS;**
- 11 **[(ix)] (XI)** classes related to agricultural products or skills; and
- 12 **[(x)] (XII)** picnic and party facilities offered in conjunction with any
- 13 agritourism activity.

14 (b) A local jurisdiction may adopt the definition of “agritourism” as defined in this

15 section by local ordinance, resolution, law, or rule.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

17 October 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.