

HOUSE BILL 673

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Land Use – Agritourism – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “agritourism” to include special events and
4 occasions conducted on a farm that generates income from an agricultural activity;
5 and generally relating to agritourism.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Land Use
8 Section 4–212
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Land Use**

14 4–212.

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

18 (2) “Agritourism” includes:

19 (i) farm tours;

20 (ii) hayrides;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (iii) corn mazes;
- 2 (iv) seasonal petting farms;
- 3 (v) farm museums;
- 4 (vi) guest farms;
- 5 (vii) pumpkin patches;
- 6 (viii) “pick your own” or “cut your own” produce;
- 7 (ix) classes related to agricultural products or skills; [and]
- 8 (x) picnic and party facilities offered in conjunction with any
- 9 agritourism activity; AND

10 (XI) SPECIAL EVENTS AND OCCASIONS CONDUCTED ON A FARM

11 THAT GENERATES INCOME FROM AN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY.

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

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

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

15 October 1, 2022.