

state the duration of the suspension or revocation and shall advise the licensee of his right to request, in writing within ~~five~~ *ten* days after ~~receipt of said notice by~~ *notice is sent by the Commissioner to* ~~NOTICE IS SENT BY THE COMMISSIONER TO~~ the licensee (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted), a hearing before the Commissioner. Each such notice of suspension or revocation shall be effective beginning ~~five~~ *TEN* days after ~~receipt of~~ *said notice* ~~by~~ *is forwarded to* ~~IS FORWARDED TO~~ the licensee, unless a hearing shall be requested as provided above. The duration of the initial suspension shall not be less than two days nor more than thirty days and the duration of any subsequent suspension shall be for not less than fifteen days and not more than ninety days.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1960.

Approved March 23, 1960.

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CHAPTER 52

(House Bill 87)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 (b) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Method of Assessment", relating to the assessment of property used for farming or agriculture.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 19 (b) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Method of Assessment", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19.

(b) Farm or agricultural use.—Lands which are actively devoted to farm or agricultural use shall be assessed on the basis of such use, and shall not be assessed as if subdivided, ~~or on any other basis~~ *[.] it being the intent of the General Assembly that the assessment of farm land shall be maintained at levels compatible with the continued use of such land for farming and shall not be adversely affected by neighboring land uses of a more intensive nature. The General Assembly hereby declares it to be in the general public interest that farming be fostered and encouraged in order to maintain a readily available source of food and dairy products close to the metropolitan areas of the State, to encourage the preservation of open space as an amenity necessary to human welfare and happiness, and to prevent the forced conversion of such open space to more intensive uses as a result of economic pressures caused by the assessment of*

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.