

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 849 – Department of Agriculture – Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program.

This bill establishes a Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program to encourage eligible farmers to participate in the Federal Crop Insurance Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

House Bill 1299, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 849.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 849

AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to pay a farmer eligible to participate in the Federal Crop Insurance Program a certain amount of money for Federal Crop Insurance premiums paid; authorizing for moneys provided under the Program to be distributed from a certain source; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 2-901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

SUBTITLE 9. MARYLAND CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM PROGRAM.

2-901.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM PROGRAM WHICH IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING ELIGIBLE FARMERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.