

2-1003.

THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL:

(1) ANNUALLY ELECT FROM ITS MEMBERS A CHAIRPERSON, A VICE CHAIRPERSON, AND A SECRETARY OF THE ADVISORY BOARD AT THE ADVISORY BOARD'S FIRST MEETING OF THE CALENDAR YEAR;

(2) COMMUNICATE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE GOVERNMENT, AND MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUNG AND BEGINNING FARMERS TO AGRICULTURE IN THE STATE;

(3) IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING TO YOUNG AND BEGINNING FARMERS IN THE STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION;

(4) ESTABLISH COMMITTEES, AS NECESSARY, TO DEVELOP PROJECTS RELATING TO THE ASPECTS OF LIFE FOR YOUNG AND BEGINNING FARMERS IN THE STATE;

(5) HOLD MEETINGS AT LEAST ONCE DURING EACH CALENDAR QUARTER OF THE YEAR; AND

(6) ADOPT A MISSION STATEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

2-1004.

(A) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE ADVISORY BOARD.

2-1005.

THE CHAIRPERSON, OR THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESIGNEE, SHALL:

(1) ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION; AND

(2) PROVIDE A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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