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land is located for distribution under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1990 only, a county that demonstrates to the Office of Planning and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation that it has established effective programs to encourage participation by farmers in agricultural land preservation efforts shall be certified by the Office and the Foundation under § 5-408 of the State Finance and Procurement Article without following the process required under § 5-408. A certification of a county in accordance with this section shall remain effective for 2 years and shall make the county eligible for the additional funds available to certified counties under § 2-508.1 of the Agriculture Article and § 13-306 of the Tax - Property Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in its annual report under § 2-506 of the Agriculture Article, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation shall include an evaluation of easement sales under both Round 1 and Round 2, by county, so as to permit an evaluation of which counties receive the most benefit under the Foundation and the certification program under § 2-508.1 of the Agriculture Article.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Departments of General Services and Agriculture, in close consultation with the county agricultural preservation advisory boards, shall evaluate the feasibility of instituting a preapproved purchase value option for landowners who wish to participate in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation program, and shall submit an interim report by January 15, 1991 and a final report by May 1, 1991. Both reports shall be submitted to the Governor, the Senate Budget and Taxation and House Ways and Means Committees, and the Department of Fiscal Services.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any revenue in the special county account for Prince George's County that has not been expended or committed prior to June 30, 1991 shall be transferred to the Prince George's County Program Open Space Account and may be used only to acquire woodland or to purchase agricultural easements.

SECTION ~~4~~ 5 ~~6~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

May 25, 1990

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President: