

BY adding to

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes
Section 12E-1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 2-501 through 2-508, to be under the new subtitle "Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation" be and they are hereby added to Article - Agriculture, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume) to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

SUBTITLE 5.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURE LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

2-501.

IT IS THE INTENT OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PRESERVE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND WOODLAND IN ORDER TO: PROVIDE SOURCES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WITHIN THE STATE FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE; CONTROL THE URBAN EXPANSION WHICH IS CONSUMING THE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND WOODLAND OF THE STATE; CURB THE SPREAD OF URBAN BLIGHT AND DETERIORATION; AND PROTECT AGRICULTURAL LAND AND WOODLAND AS OPEN-SPACE LAND.

2-502.

(A) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION IS CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT [[OF AGRICULTURE]]. THE FOUNDATION HAS THE POWERS AND DUTIES PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

2-503.

(A) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION SHALL BE GOVERNED AND ADMINISTERED BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSED OF THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL SERVE AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER, AND THE SECRETARY[[OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE]] WHO SHALL SERVE AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER, AND SIX MEMBERS FROM THE STATE AT-LARGE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AT LEAST THREE OF WHOM SHALL BE FARMER REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE STATE. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, FROM AMONG THE SIX AT-LARGE TRUSTEES. A MAJORITY