

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

CHAPTER 347

(House Bill 128)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation
Foundation - Easement Restrictions

FOR the purpose of extending the coverage of an agricultural land preservation easement restriction to include existing dwellings; and providing a 1 acre exception for certain dwellings on the request of a certain property owner who assumes certain expenses; and providing a certain restriction.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture
Section 2-510(a), 2-511(3), and 2-513(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

2-510.

(a) An owner of agricultural land located in an agricultural district established under this subtitle may offer by written application to sell an easement to the foundation on the entire contiguous acreage of such agricultural land [less one acre per single dwelling].

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(3) The value of the easement is determined at the time the foundation is requested in writing to purchase the easement. The value shall be determined by the foundation based on one or more appraisals by the State appraisers, and appraisals, if any, of the landowner. THE VALUE OF THE EASEMENT IS DETERMINED BY AN APPRAISAL ON THE ENTIRE CONTIGUOUS ACREAGE, LESS 1 ACRE PER SINGLE DWELLING; HOWEVER, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 2-513(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ENTIRE CONTIGUOUS ACREAGE, INCLUDING THE 1