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CHAPTER 613

(House Bill 420)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Development Rights

FOR the purpose of limiting the acreage of land subject to an agricultural land preservation easement which can be conveyed to a landowner's child free of easement restrictions for the purpose of constructing a dwelling house; requiring payment for conveying the land free of this easement or for release of this easement; providing that a landowner or a landowner's child may not further subdivide certain acreage used for the purpose of constructing a dwelling house; defining "child"-for-certain-purposes; and generally relating to the use of land for which an agricultural land preservation easement is purchased.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture Section 2-513(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

2-513.

(b) (1) The easement shall provide that residential subdivision for commercial purposes is not permitted. However, THE EASEMENT SHALL PROVIDE THAT, upon written application to the foundation [conveyance of one acre or less for the owner who originally sold an easement to the foundation and for each of his children for the purpose of construction of one dwelling house intended for his or their use shall be permitted one time only for that owner and each child, and] THE FOUNDATION MAY SHALL RELEASE FROM THE EASEMENT RESTRICTIONS 1 ACRE OR LESS OF THE LAND SUBJECT TO THE EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A DWELLING