

## CHAPTER 453

## (House Bill 239)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Agricultural Ombudsman Program**

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a certain agricultural ombudsman program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to designate an agricultural ombudsman; establishing certain duties of the agricultural ombudsman; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations relating to the agricultural ombudsman program; and generally relating to an agricultural ombudsman program.~~

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 2-104(o)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

2-104.

~~(O) (4) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~(2) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE AN AGRICULTURAL OMBUDSMAN.~~

~~(2) (2) THE AGRICULTURAL OMBUDSMAN SHALL;~~

~~(I) SERVE AS THE PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE WHO INTERACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL; AND~~

~~(4) (II) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO ON-FARM FOOD PROCESSING, ON-FARM FOOD PREPARATION, AND OTHER ON-FARM ACTIVITIES;~~

~~(II) ASSIST WITH EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO ON FARM FOOD PROCESSING, ON FARM FOOD PREPARATION, AND OTHER ON FARM ACTIVITIES;~~

~~(III) ASSIST WITH OBTAINING HEALTH PERMITS FROM THE DEPARTMENT; AND~~