

an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; and states findings of the General Assembly.

House Bill 1487, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 902.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 902

AN ACT concerning

Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund as a special fund for certain purposes; providing for the administration of the Fund; providing for the disbursement of money from the Fund in certain proportions and for certain purposes; authorizing the inclusion of certain appropriations in the State budget in certain fiscal years; providing for the award of certain grants from the Fund for certain purposes; requiring a certain annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; stating findings of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 2-207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 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 – State Finance and Procurement

2-207.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "AGRICULTURE" MEANS THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION, STORAGE, PROCESSING, MARKETING, DISTRIBUTION, OR EXPORT OF AN AGRONOMIC, AQUACULTURAL, EQUINE, FLORICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, ORNAMENTAL, SILVICULTURAL, OR VITICULTURAL CROP, INCLUDING:

- (I) FARM PRODUCTS;
- (II) LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS;