

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved April 25, 2006.

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**CHAPTER 187**

**(House Bill 699)**

AN ACT concerning

**Agriculture - Preservation of Historic Structures**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Advisory Committee on Historic Agricultural Structure Preservation; providing for the membership, term, and compensation of the Committee; establishing a Maryland Barn Preservation Fund to preserve historic agricultural structures; ~~providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund;~~ providing for the uses of the Fund; requiring the Board of Public Works to make certain grants from the Fund; requiring the Committee to make a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Department of Planning to adopt certain regulations; requiring a recipient of a grant or a certain subsequent owner to make certain repayment under certain circumstances; requiring a certain recordation in certain land records; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the preservation of historic agricultural structures.

BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 5A-401 through 5A-406, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Agricultural Structures"

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**

**SUBTITLE 4. AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES.**

5A-401.

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

(B) "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURE PRESERVATION.

(C) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND BARN PRESERVATION FUND.