

CHAPTER 352**(House Bill 75)**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Board of Trustees

FOR the purpose of designating the Secretary of Planning or the Secretary's designee as an ex officio member of the board of trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; and generally relating to the membership of the board of trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-503

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

2-503.

(a) (1) The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation shall be governed and administered by a board of trustees composed of the State Treasurer, who shall serve as an ex officio member, the Comptroller, who shall serve as an ex officio member, THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING, WHO SHALL SERVE AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER, and the Secretary who shall serve as an ex officio member, and [nine] EIGHT members from the State at-large to be appointed by the Governor, at least five of whom shall be farmer representatives from different areas of the State. The State Treasurer may appoint, as the Treasurer's designee, a deputy treasurer to serve on the board of trustees. THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING MAY APPOINT AS THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE AN INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING. [One of the at-large members who is not a farmer representative shall be a representative of the Department of Planning.] All of the farmer representatives shall be actively engaged in or retired from active farming. Three of the five farmer representatives shall be appointed as follows:

(i) One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland Agricultural Commission;

(ii) One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland Farm Bureau; and

(iii) One from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland State Grange.