

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

Article - Agriculture

5-107.1.

(A) INSTEAD OF REFUSING OR CANCELLING A REGISTRATION, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ON ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$2,000.

(C) ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SUBTITLE 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.

6-401.

(A) INSTEAD OF REFUSING OR CANCELLING A REGISTRATION, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ON ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE.

(B) THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$2,000.

(C) ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 355

(House Bill 78)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Local Land Use

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the approval of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation before a county may approve certain activities or uses on certain land under local land use regulations~~ clarifying the authority of a county to deny certain applications under certain local land use regulations