

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

FOR the purpose of altering the required distribution of agricultural land transfer tax revenues when not used for certain purposes within a certain period of time; requiring that the county collector of taxes transfer certain agricultural land transfer tax revenues to the county's program open space account; providing that these funds may be used in addition to certain other funds for certain recreation---and open space purposes; making technical changes; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the distribution of agricultural land transfer tax revenues.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture
Section 2-501 and 2-505(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Tax - Property
Section 13-306(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property
Section 13-306(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

2-501.

It is the intent of the Maryland General Assembly to preserve agricultural land and woodland in order to:

(1) provide sources of agricultural products within the State for the citizens of the State;

(2) control the urban expansion which is consuming the agricultural land and woodland of the State;