

CHAPTER 64
(House Bill 578)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Right to Farm

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Charles County to adopt an ordinance or regulations and take other action to protect a person's right to engage in agricultural and forestry operations; and requiring that before the adoption of an ordinance or regulations, the County Commissioners hold a public hearing following reasonable notice procedures.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Charles County
Section 100-1 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 100 Right to Farm"
Article 9 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1994 Edition and November 1995 Supplement, as amended).

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

Article 9 – Charles County

CHAPTER 100
RIGHT TO FARM

100-1.

A. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATIONS, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER NECESSARY, TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO FARM OR ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURAL OR FORESTRY OPERATIONS.

B. BEFORE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE HEARING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 9, 1996.