

~~Relations, within 5 days after the effective date of such legislation, shall notify the Department of Legislative Reference, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, of the change.~~

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 349

(Senate Bill 355)

AN ACT concerning

Agricultural Land Preservation - Easements Held by County Agricultural Land Preservation Programs - Condemnation Payments

FOR the purpose of clarifying that nothing in the Agricultural Land Preservation law prohibits the State or a county from condemning land under a county agricultural land preservation program easement for public purposes; requiring the State or a county when condemning lands under a county agricultural land preservation program easement to pay the owner of the land an amount equal to what the owner would be entitled to if the land were not under the easement minus a certain amount and to pay the county agricultural land preservation program the amount it paid the owner for the easement; requiring a condemnation award to be reduced by the amount of a certain tax credit if a county agricultural land preservation program purchases an easement in a certain manner; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to State or county condemnation of lands under a county agricultural land preservation program easement.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-515

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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