

~~J~~ K. When receipts of funds from § 54-1D(3) exceed the costs of the benefits described in Subsections A through ~~I~~ J of this section, the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners may utilize the excess funds to provide additional benefits to those persons eligible to receive benefits under this section.

54-10.

A. (1) Commencing July 1, 1984, and annually thereafter, a cost of living review shall be made by the County Commissioners to adjust the benefits provided under § 54-9B, C, D, E, F, [and] G, H, and I of this Article. The adjustment shall increase or decrease the benefits according to an amount equal to the annual increase or decrease as reflected by the current May consumer price index, but shall not exceed a four-percent increase or decrease per year and shall be cumulative. Revised or reviewed benefits shall commence on October 1 of the year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

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## CHAPTER 467

### (House Bill 669)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Release of Lots From Easements – Limitation on Resulting Density**

FOR the purpose of requiring that when the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation releases lots from an easement for the construction of dwelling houses, the resulting density on the property may not exceed the density allowed under zoning of the property before the Foundation purchased the easement; requiring the Foundation to certify that the resulting density on the property does not exceed the density allowed under zoning of the property before the Foundation purchased the easement before the Foundation issues a preliminary release; providing for the construction of this Act; making technical changes; and generally relating to the density of a property after the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation releases lots from an easement for the construction of dwelling houses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2-513

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: