

(2) IN AUTHORIZING A CREDIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:

(I) THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT;

(II) THE DURATION OF THE CREDIT; AND

(III) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE CREDIT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2001~~ June 1, 2001 and shall be effective for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 642

(House Bill 131)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program - Inclusion of Smaller Farms ~~in Certain Counties~~

FOR the purpose of requiring regulations and criteria developed by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to provide that farmland ~~in certain counties~~ that is at least a certain number of acres in size shall qualify for inclusion in an agricultural district; and generally relating to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-509(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

2-509.

(c) Regulations and criteria developed by the Foundation relating to land which may be included in an agricultural district shall provide that:

(1) **[Land]** SUBJECT TO ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, LAND shall meet productivity, acreage, and locational criteria determined by the Foundation to be necessary for the continuation of farming;