

occupations, as determined by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), may be allowed on land subject to a MALPF easement. The bill also makes several modifications to MALPF's lot exclusion policy.

Senate Bill 626, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 805.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 805

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easements - Lot Exclusions and Allowable Economic Activity

FOR the purpose of clarifying the range of uses and activities allowed on property with an agricultural land preservation easement; reducing the number of certain lots allowed to be excluded from an agricultural land preservation easement; authorizing a certain number of unrestricted lots to be excluded from an agricultural land preservation easement; establishing certain criteria and conditions for excluding an unrestricted lot from an agricultural land preservation easement; authorizing the exclusion of certain existing dwellings as a certain lot; and generally relating to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-513

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

2-513.

(a) Agricultural land preservation easements may be purchased under this subtitle for any land in agricultural use which meets the minimum criteria established under § 2-509 of this subtitle if the easement and county regulations governing the use of the land include the following provisions:

(1) Any farm use of land is permitted.

(2) Operation at any time of any machinery used in farm production or the primary processing of agricultural products is permitted.