

(8) CURRENT AND ALTERNATIVE EASEMENT VALUATION SYSTEMS UNDER THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS;

(9) AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE OPTION; AND

(10) OTHER APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

(H) ~~ON OR~~ BEFORE JUNE 1, 2004, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(I) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SHALL COORDINATE WITH OTHER STATE UNITS TO PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the approval of the Governor, the same 18 members designated or appointed to serve on the Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation in accordance with Chapter 634 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000 automatically qualify to serve on the Task Force created by this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May 31, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 16, 2002.

CHAPTER 474

(Senate Bill 571)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Assessment - Country Clubs and Golf Courses

FOR the purpose of making certain golf courses eligible for special use value assessment for property tax purposes under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Assessments and Taxation to make certain agreements with golf courses that specify the manner of assessing certain property of a golf course; ~~altering the scope of certain agreements entered into between the Department and certain country clubs;~~ altering the basis of the valuation of certain land of a country club or golf course for certain purposes; ~~providing for special valuation of certain golf course improvements for certain purposes;~~ authorizing the Department to enter into agreements with golf courses to provide for the manner of assessing certain property of a golf course to be effective beginning with a certain date of finality for assessments for a certain tax year; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing for