

(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.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 838 – Abuse or Neglect of Vulnerable Adults – Degrees.

This bill establishes a felony of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the first degree.

Senate Bill 516, 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 838.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 838

AN ACT concerning

Abuse or Neglect of Vulnerable Adults – Degrees

FOR the purpose of establishing the felony of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in