

(b) (1) The terms "adult", "of full age", or "of legal age" refer to persons who have attained the age of eighteen years.

(2) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE term "minor", as it pertains to legal age and capacity, refers to persons who have not attained the age of eighteen years.

Article - Family Law

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(b) The parents of a minor child, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 1, SECTION 24 OF THE CODE:

(1) are jointly and severally responsible for the child's support, care, nurture, welfare, and education; and

(2) have the same powers and duties in relation to the child.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be considered to be a material change of circumstances for purposes of modifying a child support order issued before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

May 14, 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 1000 - Agricultural Land Preservation - Easements - Dwelling House.

House Bill 1000 permits a landowner who sold an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) prior to January 1, 1990 to apply to the Foundation for the release from easement restrictions of one acre of the land to permit the construction of a dwelling for a subsequent landowner, subject to certain conditions. The bill applies only in Carroll County and would apparently apply to five properties.

The Maryland General Assembly created the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation in 1977 for the purpose of preserving and ensuring continuation of the agricultural interests of Maryland. Agricultural preservation districts are formed when qualifying landowners sign voluntary agreements to keep their land in agricultural or woodland use for a minimum of five years. Landowners agreeing to place their farms within an agricultural preservation district relinquish their interests in the land and may sell a development rights easement on the