

violator may also be ordered by a court to pay restitution. Therefore, this bill duplicates existing law.

For the above reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1012.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1012

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture - Crimes - ~~Farm Product and~~ Agricultural Research Protection Act

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from ~~willfully and~~ maliciously damaging or destroying an agricultural research operation or product certain farm products; establishing certain criminal ~~and civil~~ penalties for the ~~willful and~~ malicious damage or destruction of an agricultural research operation or product certain farm products; requiring certain compensation to certain persons; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the damage or destruction of an agricultural research operation or product certain farm products.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 10-1601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 16. Destruction of Agricultural ~~Operations and~~ Research Operations and Related Farm Products"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

SUBTITLE 16. DESTRUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH OPERATIONS AND RELATED FARM PRODUCTS.

10-1601.

(A) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH OPERATION" MEANS LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT OWNED OR LEASED BY A FARMER, PRIVATE RESEARCH FACILITY, UNIVERSITY, OR ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, USED IN THE PRODUCTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT A FARM PRODUCT THAT IS BEING USED FOR TESTING OR RESEARCH PURPOSES.