

CHAPTER 476

(House Bill 1354)

AN ACT concerning

Certification of County Priority Preservation Areas

FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements for priority preservation areas; prohibiting the Department of Planning and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program from certifying the priority preservation area of a county unless certain requirements are met; and generally relating to certification of priority preservation areas.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–518
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5–408
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

2–518.

- (a) In this section, “area” means a priority preservation area.
- (b) A county may include a priority preservation area element in the county’s comprehensive plan.
- (c) An area shall:
 - (1) (i) Contain productive agricultural or forest soils; or
 - (ii) Be capable of supporting profitable agricultural and forestry enterprises where productive soils are lacking;