

Senate Bill No. 844

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Offer Cycles

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to suspend a certain offer cycle for fiscal years 1992 and 1993 only.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2-508(b) and 2-510(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

2-508.

(b) Beginning with fiscal year 1979, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the foundation shall determine the maximum amount which may be expended for allotted purchases of easements on land located within each county. The maximum amount which may be expended for allotted purchases of easements in any county in any fiscal year shall be:

(1) An amount, to be used for general allotted purchases, equal to one twenty-third of one half of the total amount to be allotted, which amount shall be divided equally between the 2 offer cycles; and

(2) An amount, to be used for matching allotted purchases, which shall be computed for each eligible county by dividing one half of the total amount to be allotted equally among those counties having an approved program. The maximum amount available from the foundation for the foundation's share in matching allotted purchases may not exceed \$1-million in any county in any fiscal year, which amount shall be divided equally between the 2 offer cycles.

2-510.

(b) In order to be considered by the foundation, an application to sell shall:

(1) Be received by the board not later than July 1 for the first offer cycle or January 1 for the second offer cycle of the fiscal year in which the application is to be considered;

(2) If the applicant intends to seek reimbursement for appraisals required to determine State easement value, include an appraisal that conforms to guidelines established by the Department of General Services by an appraiser approved by the Department of General Services;