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**CHAPTER 739**

**(House Bill 1247)**

AN ACT concerning

**Somerset County - Right to Farm**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to adopt an ordinance or regulation, or take certain other action, to protect a person's right to farm or engage in agricultural or forestry operations; requiring the County Commissioners to hold a public hearing and provide reasonable notice of the hearing under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the right to farm in Somerset County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Somerset County

Section 2-410

Article 20 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1994 Edition, as amended)

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

**Article 20 - Somerset County**

2-409.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATION, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER NECESSARY, TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO FARM OR ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURAL OR FORESTRY OPERATIONS.

(B) BEFORE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATION, OR TAKING OTHER ACTION, UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE HEARING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

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