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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 16

### Bill No. 68-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the duties and responsibilities of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board;  
and generally relating to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard  
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 By amending Title 15 “Natural Resources”  
4 Section 15.518 “Agricultural Land Preservation Board”  
5 Subsection (h)

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7 **Title 15. Natural Resources.**  
8 **Subtitle 5. Agricultural Land Preservation.**

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10 **Section 15.518. Agricultural Land Preservation Board.**

11 (h) *Duties and Responsibilities.* The Board shall:

- 12 (1) Make recommendations to the County Executive AND COUNTY COUNCIL on the  
13 acquisition of AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION easements as provided in this  
14 subtitle[.];
- 15 [(2) Review proposals for the location of permitted lots and the construction of tenant  
16 housing on land subject to an agricultural land preservation easement.
- 17 (3) Review proposals for proposed subdivisions on land subject to an agricultural  
18 land preservation easement.]]
- 19 (2) RECOMMEND TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL THE  
20 CRITERIA AND METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE PRICE FOR PURCHASE OF AN  
21 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENT;
- 22 (3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE DEED OF EASEMENT AND THIS SUBTITLE,  
23 REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON:
- 24 (I) PROPOSALS FOR THE LOCATION OF PERMITTED LOTS AND DWELLINGS;  
25 (II) PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TENANT HOUSING; AND  
26 (III) PROPOSALS FOR PARCEL SUBDIVISION OF THE LAND;
- 27 (4) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION  
28 PROGRAM POLICY, AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY IN GENERAL;
- 29 (5) SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING  
30 AND COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE EVALUATION OF

1 ZONING RELATED COMPLAINTS, BASED ON THE BOARD'S KNOWLEDGE OF COMMON  
2 AND ACCEPTABLE FARMING PRACTICES; ~~AND~~

3 (6) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMMERCIAL SOLAR FACILITY  
4 CONDITIONAL USES AS PROVIDED IN THE HOWARD COUNTY ZONING  
5 REGULATIONS; AND

6 [[(4) Make recommendations to the County Executive concerning its budget and  
7 appropriations requests.]]

8 ([[5]]~~6~~7) Report annually on the status of the program to the County Executive and  
9 the County Council.

10 [[(6) Recommend to the County Executive and the County Council the criteria and  
11 method for calculating the price for purchase of an agricultural land preservation  
12 easement.

13 (7) Solicit donations of funds to be used in this program from all appropriate sources  
14 and to solicit donations of easement on land.]]

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16 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that  
17 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*