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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Agricultural Commission - Appointment of Additional Members**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members appointed to the Maryland
4 Agricultural Commission; specifying the background of the additional members to
5 be appointed; and generally relating to the appointment of additional members on
6 the Maryland Agricultural Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Agriculture
9 Section 2-203(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Agriculture**

15 2-203.

16 (a) The Commission has [20] 27 members. One member is ex officio and is the
17 principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University of Maryland
18 System as designated by the Chancellor of the University. The Governor appoints the
19 remaining [19] 26 members as follows:

20 (1) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the dairy industry;

21 (2) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the poultry
22 industry;

23 (3) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the livestock
24 industry;

25 (4) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the tobacco
26 industry;

27 (5) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the nursery
28 industry;

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1 (6) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the horticulture
2 industry;

3 (7) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the field crops
4 industry;

5 (8) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the vegetable
6 industry;

7 (9) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the veterinary
8 profession;

9 (10) One from a list of at least two nominees of the Maryland State Grange;

10 (11) One from a list of at least two nominees of the Maryland Farm Bureau;

11 (12) Two without nomination appointed at large from services related to
12 agriculture;

13 (13) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the turf industry;

14 (14) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the
15 horse-breeding industry;

16 (15) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the food
17 processing industry; [and]

18 (16) One without nomination appointed at large from the general public to
19 be the consumer member[.];

20 (17) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE
21 ORGANIC FARMING INDUSTRY;

22 (18) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE
23 HOME GARDENING INDUSTRY;

24 (19) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING
25 SERVICES RELATED TO HUNGER ADVOCACY;

26 (20) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING
27 COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE;

28 (21) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING
29 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION IN PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;

30 (22) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES WHO
31 SCIENTIFICALLY STUDY OR CULTIVATE FRUIT; AND

32 (23) ONE WITHOUT NOMINATION APPOINTED FROM THE MARYLAND
33 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 October 1, 1996.