
By: Charles County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 1996

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Right to Farm**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Charles County to adopt
4 an ordinance or regulations and take other action to protect a person's right to
5 engage in agricultural and forestry operations; and requiring that before the
6 adoption of an ordinance or regulations, the County Commissioners hold a public
7 hearing following reasonable notice procedures.

8 BY adding to

9 The Public Local Laws of Charles County
10 Section 100-1 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 100 Right to Farm"
11 Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
12 (1994 Edition and November 1995 Supplement, as amended)

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

15 **Article 9 - Charles County**

16 CHAPTER 100
17 RIGHT TO FARM

18 100-1.

19 A. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY
20 COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATIONS, OR TAKE ANY
21 OTHER ACTION THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER NECESSARY, TO
22 PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO FARM OR ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURAL OR
23 FORESTRY OPERATIONS.

24 B. BEFORE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATIONS UNDER THIS
25 SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND
26 PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE HEARING.

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