

SENATE BILL 273

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Allegany County and**
3 **Garrett County – Coal Rights**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting regulations and procedures adopted by the Maryland
5 Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation for the establishment and
6 monitoring of agricultural districts from requiring, in Allegany County and
7 Garrett County, a coal rights owner or lessee to subordinate its interest to the
8 Foundation's interest under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain
9 report be submitted by a certain date; and generally relating to the Maryland
10 Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Agriculture
13 Section 2–509(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Agriculture**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 2-509.

2 (c) Regulations and procedures adopted by the Foundation for the
3 establishment and monitoring of agricultural districts may not require, in Garrett
4 County or Allegany County, a natural gas **OR COAL** rights owner or lessee to
5 subordinate its interest to the Foundation's interest if the Foundation determines that
6 exercise of the natural gas **OR COAL** rights will not interfere with an agricultural
7 operation conducted on land in the agricultural district.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1,
9 2010, the Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation shall submit a report to the
10 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General
11 Assembly that evaluates the impact of this Act on the quality of agricultural land
12 preserved and the Foundation's agricultural land preservation activities under the
13 Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.