

Chapter 394

(Senate Bill 703)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Participation in the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ *requiring* certain agricultural land preservation easements to be included as part of a partnership under a certain federal program *under certain circumstances*; ~~requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to attempt to form a partnership under a certain federal program when making certain agricultural land preservation easement purchases~~; and generally relating to the purchase of certain easements.

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–513(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Agriculture

2–513.

(E) ~~(1)~~ AN AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ~~MAY~~ *SHALL* BE INCLUDED AS PART OF A PARTNERSHIP UNDER THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER 10 U.S.C. § 2684A *IF*:

(1) THE LAND THAT IS SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT IS IN THE VICINITY OF, OR ECOLOGICALLY RELATED TO, THE ATLANTIC TEST RANGE;

(2) THE LANDOWNER WHOSE LAND IS SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT AGREES TO ANY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE EASEMENT UNDER THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER 10 U.S.C. § 2684A; AND

(3) FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO THE FOUNDATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER 10 U.S.C. § 2684A.

~~(2) WHEN PURCHASING AN AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION SHALL ATTEMPT TO FORM A PARTNERSHIP UNDER THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER 10 U.S.C. § 2684A.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.