

SENATE BILL 354

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By: **Senator Middleton**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government – Agricultural Land Preservation Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain county to establish and collect, by public local
4 law, ordinance, or resolution, a certain agricultural land preservation fee in
5 accordance with certain requirements; providing for the application of this Act; and
6 generally relating to agricultural land preservation.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Local Government

9 Section 20–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Agricultural Land
10 Preservation Fee”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Local Government**

16 **SUBTITLE 9. AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FEE.**

17 **20–901.**

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 (A) THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY TO A COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED
2 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING UNDER § 5-408 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND
3 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AS HAVING ESTABLISHED AN EFFECTIVE AGRICULTURAL
4 LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

5 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, BY PUBLIC LOCAL LAW,
6 ORDINANCE, OR RESOLUTION, A COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH AND COLLECT AN
7 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FEE.

8 (C) A COUNTY THAT ESTABLISHES AND COLLECTS AN AGRICULTURAL LAND
9 PRESERVATION FEE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL:

10 (1) ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND FOR
11 THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE COUNTY’S AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
12 PROGRAM; AND

13 (2) DEPOSIT THE REVENUE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL LAND
14 PRESERVATION FEE INTO THE COUNTY’S AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
15 FUND.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.