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CHAPTER ____

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 additionalmembers 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~~ 24 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~~ 23 members as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 ~~(18) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE~~
31 ~~HOME GARDENING INDUSTRY;~~

32 ~~(19) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING~~
33 ~~SERVICES RELATED TO HUNGER ADVOCACY;~~

34 ~~(20)~~ (18) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES
35 REPRESENTING ~~COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE;~~ DIRECT FARM
36 MARKETING;

1 (19) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST 2 NOMINEES REPRESENTING
2 VITICULTURE; AND

3 ~~(21)~~ (20) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES
4 REPRESENTING AGRICULTURE EDUCATION IN PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;

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

7 ~~(23) ONE WITHOUT NOMINATION APPOINTED FROM THE MARYLAND~~
8 ~~AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION.~~

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