

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 285

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "easement;" insert "providing for the distribution of the funds received by a county;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 26, after "(III)" insert "1."; after line 31, insert:

"2. A. FROM THE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO A COUNTY UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY SHALL DEPOSIT IN THE COUNTY'S SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR ITS AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM AN AMOUNT THAT IS AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ORIGINAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PRICE THAT WAS PAID OUT OF THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

B. IF ANY OF THE FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE COUNTY'S SPECIAL ACCOUNT HAVE NOT BEEN EXPENDED OR COMMITTED WITHIN 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF DEPOSIT INTO THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT, THE COUNTY COLLECTOR SHALL REMIT THOSE FUNDS TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 13-306(C) OF THE TAX - PROPERTY ARTICLE.

3. THE COUNTY SHALL DEPOSIT THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO IT UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IN THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND."