
By: Senator Colburn

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Right to Farm**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Dorchester County to
4 adopt an ordinance or regulations and take other action to protect a person's right
5 to engage in agricultural and forestry operations; and requiring that before the
6 adoption of an ordinance or regulations, the County Commissioners hold a public
7 hearing following reasonable notice procedures.

8 BY adding to

9 The Public Local Laws of Dorchester County
10 Section 63-1 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 63 Right to Farm"
11 Article 10 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
12 (1984 Edition and March 1996 Supplement, as amended)

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

15 **Article 10 - Dorchester County**

16 CHAPTER 63

17 RIGHT TO FARM

18 63-1.

19 A. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION B. OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY
20 COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATIONS, OR TAKE ANY
21 OTHER ACTION THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER NECESSARY, TO
22 PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO FARM OR ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURAL OR
23 FORESTRY OPERATIONS.

24 B. BEFORE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATIONS UNDER THIS
25 SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND
26 PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE HEARING.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 1997.