

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 226 (The President, *et al.*) (Administration)

Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Environmental Matters

Maryland Right to Farm Law

This amended Administration bill expands the types of agricultural activities that are protected from public or private nuisance actions by including the cultivation, raising, harvesting, or production of any farm product or any commercial activity related to agricultural activity. Under current law, there are limits to the types of agricultural activity that are protected from nuisance actions. In addition, the bill repeals the requirement that an agricultural operation had to have been in effect for at least one year in order to be protected from a public or private nuisance action.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Expanding the protection of farmers from public or private nuisance actions should not affect State operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: A small business impact statement was not provided by the Administration in time for inclusion in this fiscal note. A revised note will be issued when the Administration's assessment becomes available.

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