
By: **Somerset County Delegation**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Right to Farm**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to
4 adopt an ordinance or regulation, or take certain other action, to protect a
5 person's right to farm or engage in agricultural or forestry operations; requiring
6 the County Commissioners to hold a public hearing and provide reasonable
7 notice of the hearing under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the
8 right to farm in Somerset County.

9 BY adding to
10 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
11 Section 2-410
12 Article 20 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
13 (1994 Edition, as amended)

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

16 **Article 20 - Somerset County**

17 2-409.

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

1 (B) BEFORE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATION, OR TAKING OTHER
2 ACTION, UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
3 SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE
4 HEARING.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 1998.