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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1	A TAT		•
1	AN	ACL	concerning
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2 Agriculture - Land Preservation Matching Grants Act of 2000

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide certain agricultural land
- 4 preservation matching grants to certain counties in a certain fiscal year;
- 5 limiting use of the funds to certain purposes; providing for the termination of
- 6 this Act; and generally relating to agricultural land preservation programs.
- 7 BY adding to
- 8 Article Agriculture
- 9 Section 2-508.2
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Agriculture
- 14 Section 2-512
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Article - Agriculture

20 2-508.2.

- 21 (A) IN FISCAL YEAR 2002 ONLY, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS AS
- 22 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION TO EACH COUNTY CERTIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF
- 23 PLANNING UNDER § 5-408 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AS
- 24 OPERATING AN EFFECTIVE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
- 25 PROGRAM.
- 26 (B) THE GRANTS SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MARYLAND
- 27 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.

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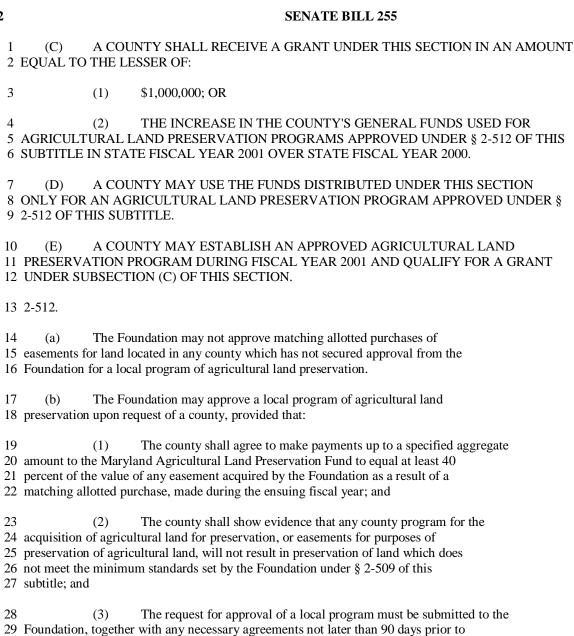
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35 State Treasurer.

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Approval of a local program by the Foundation is valid only during the

Local programs shall be approved upon the affirmative vote of a majority

In this subsection, "development rights" mean the potential for

30 the beginning of the fiscal year for which approval is being sought.

32 next fiscal year following the fiscal year of the request for approval by the county.

34 of the Foundation members at-large, and upon approval of the Secretary and the

37 improvement of a parcel of real property that is measured in dwelling units or units of

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- 1 commercial or industrial space and that exist because of the zoning classification of 2 the parcel.
- 3 (2) A county shall use that county's unencumbered and uncommitted 4 matching funds and any additional funds under § 2-508.1 of this subtitle available to
- 5 a county certified by the Office of Planning and the Foundation under § 5-408 of the
- 6 State Finance and Procurement Article to purchase development rights and
- 7 guarantee loans that are collateralized by development rights for agricultural land
- 8 that meets the minimum standards set by the Foundation under § 2-509(c) of this
- 9 subtitle, except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection.
- 10 (3) For a county certified by the Office of Planning and the Foundation
- 11 under § 5-408 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, in lieu of any acreage
- 12 requirement set by the Foundation under § 2-509(c) of this subtitle, development
- 13 rights purchased by or collateralizing loans guaranteed by a county under this
- 14 subsection shall be for agricultural land of significant size to promote an agricultural
- 15 operation.
- 16 (4) This subsection may not be construed to prohibit any county from
- 17 accepting funds from private sources and using those private funds to purchase
- 18 development rights or guarantee loans that are collateralized by development rights.
- 19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 20 October 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of two years and, at the end of
- 21 September 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
- 22 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.