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By: **Senators Hafer, Ferguson, Harris, Hooper, Mooney, and Stoltzfus**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County - Right to Farm**

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

9 BY adding to  
10 The Public Laws of Garrett County  
11 Section 246-1 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 246. Right to Farm"  
12 Article 12 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
13 (1985 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, 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 12 - Garrett County**

17 **CHAPTER 246. RIGHT TO FARM.**

18 246-1.

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

24 B. BEFORE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATION OR TAKING OTHER  
25 ACTION UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
26 SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE  
27 HEARING.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2001.