
By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2002
Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Right to Farm**

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

10 BY adding to
11 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
12 Section 108-1 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 108 Right to Farm"
13 Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
14 (1987 Edition and 2001 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **Article 19 - St. Mary's County**

18 CHAPTER 108

19 RIGHT TO FARM

20 108-1.

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

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2002.