By: **Delegates Glassman, Parrott, James, and Riley** Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2002 Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Agriculture - Land Preservation Easements

3 FOR the purpose of altering the criteria required to purchase agricultural land

4 preservation easements; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to

5 agricultural land preservation easements.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 7 Article Agriculture
- 8 Section 2-513(a)(1)
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

- 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article - Agriculture

14 2-513.

15 (a) Agricultural land preservation easements may be purchased under this

16 subtitle for any land in agricultural use which meets the minimum criteria

17 established under § 2-509 of this subtitle if the easement and county regulations

18 governing the use of the land include the following provisions:

19 (1) Any [farm] AGRICULTURAL use of land is [permitted] ALLOWED,

20 INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL USES ALLOWED BY LOCAL AGRICULTURAL ZONING 21 ORDINANCES.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 23 October 1, 2002.