
By: **Senators Middleton and Stoltzfus**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easement Sale**
3 **Application**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the board of the Maryland Agricultural Land
5 Preservation Foundation to determine certain easement sale application
6 deadlines; and generally relating to the sale of easements to the Maryland
7 Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - Agriculture
10 Section 2-510(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Agriculture
15 Section 2-510(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Agriculture**

21 2-510.

22 (a) (1) An owner of agricultural land located in an agricultural district
23 established under this subtitle may offer by written application to sell an easement to
24 the Foundation on the entire contiguous acreage of such agricultural land.

25 (2) A contract purchaser of agricultural land located in an agricultural
26 district established under this subtitle may offer by written application, and with the
27 written approval of the landowner, to sell an easement to the Foundation on the
28 entire contiguous acreage of the agricultural land.

1 (b) In order to be considered by the Foundation, an application to sell shall:

2 (1) Be received by the board [not later than July 1 of] AT A TIME THE
3 BOARD DETERMINES FOR the fiscal year in which the application is to be considered;

4 (2) Include an asking price at which the owner is willing to sell an
5 easement; and

6 (3) Include a complete description of the subject land.

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