BY: Environmental Matters Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 804</u>
(First Reading File Bill)

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>

On page 1, in line 2, after "Foundation -" insert "<u>Guidelines for</u>"; strike beginning with "Ranking" in line 2 down through "Valuation" in line 3 and substitute "<u>Rankings</u>"; strike beginning with "altering" in line 4 down through "value" in line 7 and substitute "<u>including certain guidelines as required bases for a county governing body to rank certain easement applications; requiring the Foundation, in consultation with certain county governing bodies, to adopt certain guidelines that include consideration of certain factors</u>"; strike beginning with ", and" in line 8 down through "easements" in line 9 and substitute "<u>and easement rankings</u>"; and in line 12, strike "and (f) and 2-511".

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 2</u>

On page 2, in line 12, strike "CAP"; strike beginning with ", CALCULATED" in line 12 down through "SUBTITLE" in line 13; in line 14, strike "ANY"; strike beginning with "TO" in line 14 down through "PROGRAM" in line 16 and substitute "<u>UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION</u>"; after line 16, insert:

"<u>(3)   (I)   IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES, THE FOUNDATION SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES TO IDENTIFY EASEMENTS FOR PURCHASE THAT FURTHER THE GOALS OF THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.</u>

<u>(II)   GUIDELINES ADOPTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF:</u>

<u>1.   LOCATION IN A PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA OF THE COUNTY;</u>

        2.   SOIL AND OTHER LAND CHARACTERISTICS ASSOCIATED WITH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY;

        3.   AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY; AND

        4.   ANY OTHER UNIQUE COUNTY CONSIDERATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM.";

and in lines 17, 27, and 31, strike "(3)", "(4)", and "(5)", respectively, and substitute "(4)", "(5)", and "(6)", respectively.

        On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 34 on page 2 through line 6 on page 5, inclusive.