

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 564

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Foundation -" insert "Guidelines for"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 3 down through "ranking" in line 5 and substitute "including certain guidelines as required bases for a county governing body to rank"; and in line 5, after the semicolon insert "requiring the Foundation, in consultation with certain county governing bodies, to adopt certain guidelines that include consideration of certain factors;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 10, strike "ANY"; strike beginning with "TO" in line 10 down through "PROGRAM" in line 12 and substitute "UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION"; after line 12, insert:

"(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.

(II) GUIDELINES ADOPTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF:

1. LOCATION IN A PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA OF THE COUNTY;

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

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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 13, 23, and 27, strike “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively.