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-- *Environmental Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* --

Introduced by **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Agriculture)**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Agricultural Commission - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural
4 Commission.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Agriculture
7 Section 2-203
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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Article - Agriculture

2 2-203.

3 (a) The Commission has [24] ~~28~~ 29 members. One member is ex officio and is
4 the principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University System
5 of Maryland as designated by the Chancellor of the University. The Governor
6 appoints the remaining [23] ~~27~~ 28 members as follows:

- 7 (1) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the dairy
8 industry;
- 9 (2) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the poultry
10 industry;
- 11 (3) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the livestock
12 industry;
- 13 (4) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the tobacco
14 industry;
- 15 (5) [One] TWO from a list of at least [two] FOUR nominees representing
16 the nursery industry;
- 17 (6) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the horticulture
18 industry;
- 19 (7) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the field crops
20 industry;
- 21 (8) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the vegetable
22 industry;
- 23 (9) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the veterinary
24 profession;
- 25 (10) One from a list of at least two nominees of the Maryland State
26 Grange;
- 27 (11) One from a list of at least two nominees of the Maryland Farm
28 Bureau;
- 29 (12) Two without nomination appointed at large from services related to
30 agriculture;
- 31 (13) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the turf
32 industry;
- 33 (14) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the
34 horse-breeding industry;

1 (15) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the food
2 processing industry;

3 (16) One without nomination appointed at large from the general public
4 to be the consumer member;

5 (17) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the organic
6 farming industry;

7 (18) One from a list of at least two nominees representing direct farm
8 marketing;

9 (19) One from a list of at least two nominees representing viticulture;
10 [and]

11 (20) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agriculture
12 education in primary or secondary schools;

13 (21) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING
14 AGRI-BUSINESS;

15 (22) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE
16 FORESTRY INDUSTRY; ~~AND~~

17 (23) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE
18 AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY; AND

19 (24) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING
20 AGRI-TOURISM.

21 (b) (1) The consumer member of the Commission:

22 (i) Shall be a member of the general public;

23 (ii) May not be involved in any way with the activities on which the
24 Commission advises the Secretary; and

25 (iii) May not, within 1 year before appointment, have had a
26 financial interest in or have received compensation from a person who is involved in
27 any way with the activities on which the Commission advises the Secretary.

28 (2) While a member of the Commission, the consumer member may not
29 have a financial interest in or receive compensation from a person who is involved in
30 any way with the activities on which the Commission advises the Secretary.

31 (c) The term of membership is 3 years. A person may not serve more than two
32 consecutive terms. Members of the Commission appointed before January 1, 1973,
33 may continue to serve until the expiration of their terms. New appointments shall be
34 made from nominees of the industry, profession, or organization represented by the
35 member whose term is expiring.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2005.