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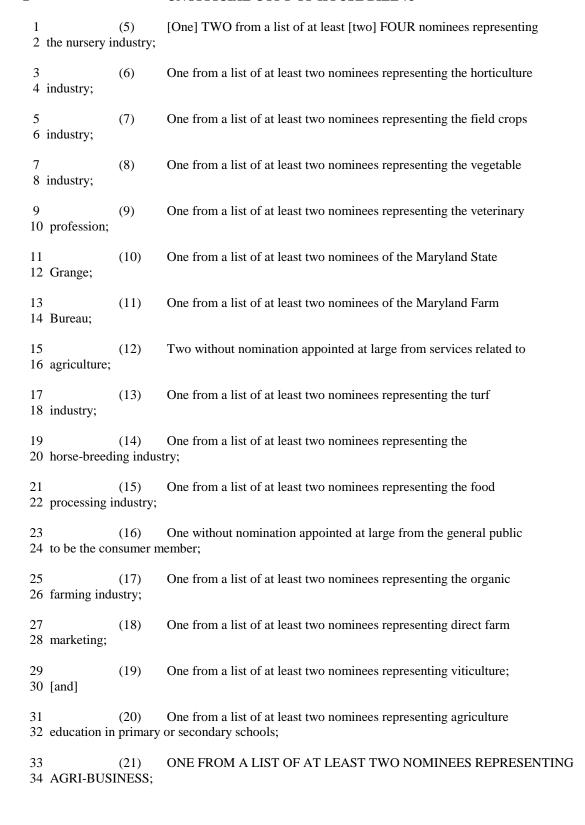
By: Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -

**Departmental - Agriculture)** Requested: November 15, 2004

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	A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning
2	Maryland Agricultural Commission - Membership
3	FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission.
5 6 7 8 9	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Agriculture Section 2-203 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)
10 11	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
12	Article - Agriculture
13	2-203.
16	(a) The Commission has [24] 28 members. One member is ex officio and is the principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University System of Maryland as designated by the Chancellor of the University. The Governor appoints the remaining [23] 27 members as follows:
18 19	(1) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the dairy industry;
20 21	(2) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the poultry industry;
22 23	(3) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the livestock industry;
24 25	(4) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the tobacco industry;



21 October 1, 2005.

## **UNOFFICIAL COPY OF HOUSE BILL 73**

1 ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE (22)2 FORESTRY INDUSTRY; AND (23)ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE 4 AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY. 5 (b) The consumer member of the Commission: (1) Shall be a member of the general public; 6 (i) 7 (ii) May not be involved in any way with the activities on which the Commission advises the Secretary; and 8 9 (iii) May not, within 1 year before appointment, have had a 10 financial interest in or have received compensation from a person who is involved in 11 any way with the activities on which the Commission advises the Secretary. 12 While a member of the Commission, the consumer member may not 13 have a financial interest in or receive compensation from a person who is involved in 14 any way with the activities on which the Commission advises the Secretary. 15 The term of membership is 3 years. A person may not serve more than two 16 consecutive terms. Members of the Commission appointed before January 1, 1973, may continue to serve until the expiration of their terms. New appointments shall be 18 made from nominees of the industry, profession, or organization represented by the member whose term is expiring. SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20