

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1041  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Fund –” insert “Foundation”; in the same line, strike “to Counties”; in line 4, after “grants” insert “for certain purposes”; in line 5, after “circumstances,” insert “altering the purposes for which grants provided by the Foundation to the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation may be used;”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 5 down through “circumstances” in line 6 and substitute “prohibiting certain grants provided by the Foundation from being used for certain purposes; prohibiting money in the Fund from the sale of tax-exempt general obligation bonds from being used for certain purposes”; and in line 10, after “2–505(c)” insert “and (f)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “(2)” in line 7 down through “**SUBTITLE.**” in line 26 and substitute:

**“(2) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION MAY PROVIDE GRANTS TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE-BASED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY THE FOUNDATION AND THE CORPORATION, TO FACILITATE:**

**(I) AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT PROGRAM;**  
**OR**

**(II) THE FUNDING OF THE NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM.**

(Over)

(3) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION MAY PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTIES TO FACILITATE:

(I) THE CRITICAL FARMS PROGRAM, AS PROVIDED IN § 2-517 OF THIS SUBTITLE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY THE FOUNDATION AND THE COUNTY;

(II) THE PURCHASE OF EASEMENTS UNDER A COUNTY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE FOUNDATION, AS PROVIDED IN § 2-510.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(III) THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON BONDS ISSUED BY A COUNTY FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENTS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY THE FOUNDATION AND THE COUNTY.

(4) GRANTS PROVIDED BY THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION MAY NOT BE:

(I) USED TO FUND COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS; OR

(II) PLEDGED TO SECURE COUNTY-ISSUED BONDS.

(f) Money in the Fund from the sale of tax-exempt general obligation bonds may not be used:

(1) [to] TO purchase easements under:

[(1)] (I) An installment purchase agreement, as provided in § 2-510(k)(3) of this subtitle; [or]

[(2)] (II) A schedule of installments financed with certificates of deposit, as provided in § 2-510(k)(2) of this subtitle; OR

(III) THE CRITICAL FARMS PROGRAM, AS PROVIDED IN § 2-517 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(2) FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON BONDS ISSUED BY A COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-505(C) OF THIS SECTION.”.