

HOUSE BILL 416

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By: **Delegates Stein, Cane, Cardin, V. Clagett, Lafferty, Morhaim, and Weir**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2007

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Agricultural Commission – Biofuel Industry Member**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural
4 Commission by requiring the Governor to appoint a member from a list of a
5 certain number of nominees representing the biofuel industry; and generally
6 relating to the Maryland Agricultural Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Agriculture

9 Section 2–203(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

12 (As enacted by Chapter 350 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005)

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

15 **Article – Agriculture**

16 2–203.

17 (a) The Commission has 29 members. One member is ex officio and is the
18 principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University System of
19 Maryland as designated by the Chancellor of the University. The Governor appoints
20 the remaining [28] **29** members as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

12 (21) One from a list of at least two nominees representing
13 agri-business;

14 (22) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the forestry
15 industry;

16 (23) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the
17 aquaculture industry; [and]

18 (24) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agri-tourism;
19 **AND**

20 (25) ONE FROM A LIST OF TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE
21 BIOFUEL INDUSTRY

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2007.