

HOUSE BILL 416

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) The Commission has ~~29~~ **30** members. One member is ex officio and is the
2 principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University System of
3 Maryland as designated by the Chancellor of the University. The Governor appoints
4 the remaining [28] **29** members as follows:

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

1 (13) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the turf
2 industry;

3 (14) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the
4 horse–breeding industry;

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (21) One from a list of at least two nominees representing
17 agri–business;

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

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

22 (24) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agri–tourism;

23 **AND**

24 **(25) ONE FROM A LIST OF TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE**
25 **BIOFUEL INDUSTRY.**

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