CHAPTER 17

(Senate Bill 73)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Sale of Land Preservation Easements – Confidentiality of Records

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain records relating to the sale of an agricultural land preservation easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation remain confidential until after a certain time; and generally relating to the sale of Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation easements.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture Section 2–510(m) Annotated Code of Maryland (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

2-510.

(M) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, FOR EACH OFFER CYCLE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, RECORDS RELATING TO A LANDOWNER'S RANKING, ASKING PRICE, OR FOUNDATION OFFER SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE CYCLE, AS DETERMINED BY THE FOUNDATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.