

HOUSE BILL 220

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CF SB 233

By: **Delegate James**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Program Open Space – Local Agricultural Exposition Centers**
3 **– Authorization**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing each subdivision to construct and operate an
5 agricultural exposition center on land that was acquired by the subdivision with
6 Program Open Space funding; authorizing the sale of certain agricultural
7 products at each agricultural exposition center; defining a certain term; and
8 generally relating to agricultural exposition centers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 5–901(a), (d), and (j)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Natural Resources
16 Section 5–911
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Natural Resources**

22 5–901.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) "Funds available under this program" means the proceeds of Program
2 Open Space and the annual apportionment of allocation of the Land and Water
3 Conservation Fund to the State by the United States Department of Interior, National
4 Park Service.

5 (j) "Subdivision" means one of the 23 counties of the State or Baltimore City.

6 **5-911.**

7 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER"
8 MEANS A BUILDING OR OTHER PLACE FOR HOLDING EXHIBITIONS FOR THE
9 DISPLAY AND SALE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, LIVESTOCK, AND OTHER
10 AGRICULTURE-RELATED PRODUCTS.

11 (2) "AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER" INCLUDES A FACILITY
12 FOR:

13 (I) AGRICULTURE-RELATED ENTERTAINMENT;

14 (II) AN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION;

15 (III) A FARMER'S MARKET; AND

16 (IV) A LIVESTOCK AUCTION.

17 (B) EACH SUBDIVISION MAY CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE ONE
18 AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER ON LAND THAT WAS ACQUIRED BY THE
19 SUBDIVISION WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

20 (C) AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, LIVESTOCK, AND OTHER
21 AGRICULTURE-RELATED PRODUCTS MAY BE SOLD AT EACH AGRICULTURAL
22 EXPOSITION CENTER, PROVIDED THAT THE PRODUCTS SOLD AT A PARTICULAR
23 SUBDIVISION'S AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER WERE PRODUCED WITHIN
24 THAT SUBDIVISION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2010.