

# SENATE BILL 354

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By: Senator Middleton

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Local Government – Agricultural Land Preservation Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain county to establish and collect, by public local  
4 law, ordinance, or resolution, a certain agricultural land preservation fee in  
5 accordance with certain requirements; providing for the application of this Act; and  
6 generally relating to agricultural land preservation.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Local Government  
9 Section 20–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Agricultural Land  
10 Preservation Fee”  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

### 15 **Article – Local Government**

### 16 **SUBTITLE 9. AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FEE.**

17 **20–901.**

18 (A) THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY TO A COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED  
19 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING UNDER § 5–408 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND  
20 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AS HAVING ESTABLISHED AN EFFECTIVE AGRICULTURAL  
21 LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, BY PUBLIC LOCAL LAW,**  
2   **ORDINANCE, OR RESOLUTION, A COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH AND COLLECT AN**  
3   **AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FEE.**

4           **(C) A COUNTY THAT ESTABLISHES AND COLLECTS AN AGRICULTURAL LAND**  
5   **PRESERVATION FEE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL:**

6           **(1) ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND FOR**  
7   **THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION**  
8   **PROGRAM; AND**

9           **(2) DEPOSIT THE REVENUE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL LAND**  
10   **PRESERVATION FEE INTO THE COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION**  
11   **FUND.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13   October 1, 2018.