HOUSE BILL 1415

By: Charles County Delegation
Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2022
Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Grading and Sediment Control Plans – Agricultural Land Management Practices – Definition

FOR the purpose of defining “agricultural land management practices” as it relates to exemptions from the requirement to develop and adhere to a grading and sediment control plan under certain circumstances; and generally relating to grading and sediment control plans.

BY renumbering

Article – Environment
Section 4–101.1(b) through (e), respectively
to be Section 4–101.1(c) through (f), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 4–101.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment
Section 4–101.1(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 4–102
Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That Section(s) 4–101.1(b) through (e), respectively, of Article – Environment of the
Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 4–101.1(c) through (f),
respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
as follows:

Article – Environment

4–101.1.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(B) “AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES” MEANS THE
METHODS AND PROCEDURES USED IN THE CULTIVATION OF LAND TO FURTHER
CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION OF RELATED SOIL AND
WATER RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE CLEARING AND GRADING OF LAND IN
PREPARATION FOR THE METHODS AND PROCEDURES.

4–102.

(A) The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to agricultural land management
practices, construction of agricultural structures, or, except in Calvert County, to
construction of single–family residences or their accessory buildings that disturb an area
of less than one–half acre and occur on lots of two acres or more.

(B) Regardless of planning, zoning, or subdivision controls, a county or
municipality may not issue a permit for grading or construction of any building, other than
those matters exempted by the provisions of this section, unless the grading or construction
conforms with plans approved as provided in this subtitle.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2022.