A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Right to Engage in Equine Activities

FOR the purpose of stating the findings of the General Assembly relating to equine activities; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that residents of the State have a right to engage in equine activities subject to regulations and restrictions under laws enacted by the General Assembly; and generally relating to the right to engage in equine activities.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture
Section 2–702.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

2–702.2.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) EQUINE ACTIVITIES ARE A VALUED PART OF THE STATE’S HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL HERITAGE THAT PROVIDE UNIQUE RECREATIONAL BENEFITS TO RESIDENTS OF THE STATE; AND

(2) EQUINE ACTIVITIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE STATE’S ECONOMY BY CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL ECONOMIES, TAX REVENUES, AND EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT THE CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, AND

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE’S OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCES USING
PRIMARILY PRIVATE DOLLARS.

(B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT RESIDENTS OF THE
STATE HAVE A RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS
AND RESTRICTIONS UNDER LAWS ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2022.