

Chapter 459

(House Bill 75)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Commission – Hemp Industry Member

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission by requiring the Governor to appoint a member from a list of a certain number of nominees representing the hemp industry; and generally relating to the Maryland Agricultural Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–203(a)
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

2–203.

(a) The Commission has ~~[30]~~ **31** members. One member is ex officio and is the principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University System of Maryland as designated by the Chancellor of the University. The Governor appoints the remaining ~~[29]~~ **30** members as follows:

- (1) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the dairy industry;
- (2) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the poultry industry;
- (3) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the livestock industry;
- (4) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the tobacco industry;
- (5) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the nursery industry;

- (6) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the horticulture industry;
- (7) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the field crops industry;
- (8) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the vegetable industry;
- (9) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the veterinary profession;
- (10) One from a list of at least two nominees of the Maryland State Grange;
- (11) One from a list of at least two nominees of the Maryland Farm Bureau;
- (12) Two without nomination appointed at large from services related to agriculture;
- (13) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the turf industry;
- (14) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the horse-breeding industry;
- (15) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the food processing industry;
- (16) One without nomination appointed at large from the general public to be the consumer member;
- (17) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the organic farming industry;
- (18) One from a list of at least two nominees representing direct farm marketing;
- (19) One from a list of at least two nominees representing viticulture;
- (20) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agriculture education in primary or secondary schools;
- (21) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agri-business;
- (22) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the forestry industry;

(23) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the aquaculture industry;

(24) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agri-tourism;
[and]

(25) One from a list of two nominees representing the biofuel industry; **AND**

(26) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING THE HEMP INDUSTRY.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.