

HOUSE BILL 471

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Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agricultural Land and Programs – Scrutinized Entities**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a nonresident alien who is a citizen of a certain country
4 subject to an embargo under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, a
5 commercial enterprise or business incorporated in a certain country subject to an
6 embargo under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and an individual
7 employed by or associated with the government of a certain country subject to an
8 embargo under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations from purchasing
9 agricultural land or participating in certain agricultural programs; and generally
10 relating to agricultural land and programs.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Agriculture

13 Section 1–202

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Agriculture**

19 **1–202.**

20 **A NONRESIDENT ALIEN WHO IS A CITIZEN OF A COUNTRY SUBJECT TO AN**
21 **EMBARGO UNDER THE FEDERAL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS**
22 **AND LISTED UNDER 22 C.F.R. § 126.1(D)(1) OR (2), A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE OR**
23 **BUSINESS INCORPORATED IN A COUNTRY SUBJECT TO AN EMBARGO UNDER THE**
24 **FEDERAL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS AND LISTED UNDER 22**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **C.F.R. § 126.1(D)(1) OR (2), AND AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY OR ASSOCIATED**
2 **WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF A COUNTRY SUBJECT TO AN EMBARGO UNDER THE**
3 **FEDERAL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS AND LISTED UNDER 22**
4 **C.F.R. § 126.1(D)(1) OR (2) MAY NOT:**

5 **(1) PURCHASE AGRICULTURAL LAND, INCLUDING LAND USED FOR**
6 **RAISING LIVESTOCK, THAT IS LOCATED IN THE STATE; OR**

7 **(2) PARTICIPATE IN STATE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE**
8 **UNRELATED TO REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD OR FOOD SAFETY.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

10 (a) This Act shall remain in effect until federal law no longer authorizes the states
11 to adopt and enforce provisions of the type authorized under this Act.

12 (b) The Department of Agriculture shall notify the Department of Legislative
13 Services within 5 days after the federal government enacts a law described in subsection
14 (a) of this section and, as of the date the law becomes effective, this Act, with no further
15 action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and
16 effect.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2025.