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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agricultural Land and Programs - ~~People's Republic of China~~ Scrutinized Entities**

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

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Agriculture  
11 Section 1-202  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Agriculture**

17 **1-202.**

18 **A NONRESIDENT ALIEN WHO IS A CITIZEN OF ~~THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF~~**  
19 **~~CHINA~~ A COUNTRY SUBJECT TO AN EMBARGO UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS AND**  
**~~LISTED UNDER 22 C.F.R. 126.1(D)(1) OR (D)(2), A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE OR BUSINESS INCORPORATED IN~~**  
**~~THE~~**  
20 **~~PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA~~ A COUNTRY SUBJECT TO AN EMBARGO UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN**  
**~~ARMS REGULATIONS AND LISTED UNDER 22 C.F.R. 126.1(D)(1) OR (D)(2), AND AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY OR~~**  
**~~ASSOCIATED~~**  
21 **~~WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA~~ A COUNTRY SUBJECT TO AN EMBARGO UNDER THE**  
**~~INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS AND LISTED UNDER 22 C.F.R. 126.1(D)(1) OR (D)(2) MAY~~**  
**NOT:**

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

3           (2)     PARTICIPATE IN STATE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE  
4 UNRELATED TO REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD OR FOOD SAFETY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

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

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

5           SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2024.