

Maryland Farm Bureau Hotline #1

Bills We're Following

HB81: Real Property - Condemnation - Compensation for Farm and Agricultural Property (Protect Maryland Farm Lands Act) *Sponsored by Delegate Mangione / House Hearing: Economic Matters 1/23/25 at 1:00pm*

This bill would require the fair market value of agricultural property taken in a condemnation proceeding to be valued at 350% of the highest appraisal value of the property when Eminent Domain is used.

Maryland Farm Bureau Position: Support

MDFB is in support of HB81 as it increases the value that land holders would be paid when agriculture is taken by condemnation.

HB278: Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Enhanced Agricultural Management Equipment *Sponsored by Delegate Bouchat / House Hearing: Ways and Means 1/23/25 at 1:00pm*

This bill establishes an income tax credit for farmers purchasing innovative and enhanced agricultural management equipment as determined by Secretary of Agriculture.

Maryland Farm Bureau Position: Support

MDFB is in support of this bill as it opens an opportunity for members to receive income tax credits on the purchasing of new and innovative equipment.

SB121 (HB8): Vehicle Laws - Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems Pilot Program - Inspection and Extension *Sponsored by Senator A. Washington / Senate Hearing: Judicial 1/22/25 at 1:00pm.*

This bill allows for Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems to be utilized in willing counties similarly to speed cameras. The bill would first authorize these systems to be used under a pilot program in PG and Montgomery Counties with results of the program being delivered in 2027.

Maryland Farm Bureau Position: Monitor

MDFB will monitor the hearings of this bill to determine the potential impacts it may have on the movement of farm equipment.

SB189: Eminent Domain – Agricultural and Conservation Easements – Prohibited Taking *Sponsored by Senator Brooks / Senate Hearing: Judicial 1/23/25 at 1:00pm.*

This bill would further protect land in agricultural and conservation easements by prohibiting the State or any of its instrumentalities or political subdivisions from taking that land via eminent domain.

Maryland Farm Bureau Position: Support

MDFB is in support of this bill as it further protects agriculture land from taking via eminent domain.