

# HOUSE BILL 1415

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Grading and Sediment Control Plans – Agricultural Land Management**  
3 **Practices – Definition**

4 FOR the purpose of defining “agricultural land management practices” as it relates to  
5 exemptions from the requirement to develop and adhere to a grading and sediment  
6 control plan under certain circumstances; and generally relating to grading and  
7 sediment control plans.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – Environment

10 Section 4–101.1(b) through (e), respectively

11 to be Section 4–101.1(c) through (f), respectively

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Environment

16 Section 4–101.1(a)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Environment

21 Section 4–101.1(b)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

25 Article – Environment

26 Section 4–102

27 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 4–101.1(b) through (e), respectively, of Article – Environment of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 4–101.1(c) through (f), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Environment**

4–101.1.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

**(B) “AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES” MEANS THE METHODS AND PROCEDURES USED IN THE CULTIVATION OF LAND TO FURTHER CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION OF RELATED SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE CLEARING AND GRADING OF LAND IN PREPARATION FOR THE METHODS AND PROCEDURES.**

4–102.

**(A)** The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to agricultural land management practices, construction of agricultural structures, or, except in Calvert County, to construction of single–family residences or their accessory buildings that disturb an area of less than one–half acre and occur on lots of two acres or more.

**(B)** Regardless of planning, zoning, or subdivision controls, a county or municipality may not issue a permit for grading or construction of any building, other than those matters exempted by the provisions of this section, unless the grading or construction conforms with plans approved as provided in this subtitle.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.