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By: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning			
2	Department of Agriculture – Agritourism			
3 4 5	FOR the purpose of defining the term "agritourism" in State law; authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt the definition of agritourism by local ordinance, resolution, law or rule; and generally relating to agritourism.			
6 7 8 9 10	BY adding to Article – Agriculture Section 10.5–101 and 10.5–201 to be under the new title "Title 10.5. Agritourism" Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)			
11 12	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
13	Article – Agriculture			
14	TITLE 10.5. AGRITOURISM.			
15	SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITION.			
16	10.5–101.			
17 18 19 20	(A) IN THIS TITLE, "AGRITOURISM" MEANS AN ACTIVITY CONDUCTED ON A FARM THAT IS OFFERED TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR TO INVITED GUESTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION, RECREATION, OR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE FARM OPERATION.			
21	(B) "AGRITOURISM" INCLUDES:			



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17 18 OR RULE.

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1		(1)	FARM TOURS;
2		(2)	HAYRIDES;
3		(3)	CORN MAZES;
4		(4)	SEASONAL PETTING FARMS;
5		(5)	FARM MUSEUMS;
6		(6)	GUEST FARMS;
7		(7)	PUMPKIN PATCHES;
8		(8)	"PICK YOUR OWN" OR "CUT YOUR OWN" PRODUCE;
9		(9)	CLASSES RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OR SKILLS; AND
10 11	ANY AGRITO	` '	PICNIC AND PARTY FACILITIES OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH M ACTIVITY.
12			SUBTITLE 2. LOCAL ADOPTION.
13	10.5–201.		
14 15			URISDICTION MAY ADOPT THE DEFINITION OF "AGRITOURISM" AS

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