

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 3/27/2012  
**Reference No.:** CB-006-2012  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** Franklin  
**Sponsor(s):** Franklin, Lehman  
**Item Title:** An Act amending and adding to the Right to Farm provision and generally regarding agriculture

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**Drafter:** Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Brendon L. Laster, Legislative Aide

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	2/14/2012	<b>Executive Action:</b>	4/13/2012 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	2/14/2012 - THE	<b>Effective Date:</b>	5/29/2012

**Committee Action:** 2/23/2012 - FAV

**Date Introduced:** 3/6/2012  
**Public Hearing:** 3/27/2012 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 3/27/2012 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

30-101, 30-102, 30-103, 30-103.01, 30-103.02, 30-201.03

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Transportation, Housing and Environment

**Date 2/23/2012**

February 23rd, 2012

Committee Vote: Favorable 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Olson, Davis, Toles and Lehman)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-6-2012 amends and adds the Right to Farm provision and in general regarding agriculture.

Yates Clagett, Prince George's Soil Conservation District, provided additional information to the Committee and responded to questions from the Committee. Michael Graziano, Prince George's County Realtors Association, testified in support of the bill.

The Office of Law determined that CB-6-2012 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will be not be any negative fiscal impact the County as a result of adopting CB-6-2012.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This bill amends the current law on the right to farm. This bill expands the scope of the right to farm, provides important definitions, places a limit on right to farm actions, establishes the Agricultural Reconciliation Committee to mediate disputes, provides for a standard right to farm notice and real estate transfer disclosure.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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