

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1249 Session of
1999

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YOUNGBLOOD AND ZUG, APRIL 13, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
APRIL 13, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), entitled "An
2 act authorizing the creation of agricultural areas," further
3 providing for purchase of agricultural conservation
4 easements.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 14.1 of the act of June 30, 1981
8 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law,
9 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

10 Section 14.1. Purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

11 * * *

12 (1) Purchases from certain charitable trusts.--Nothing in
13 this section shall prohibit the State board or the county board
14 from purchasing an agricultural easement held in a pooled income
15 fund, charitable remainder annuity trust or charitable remainder

1 unitrust, as defined in sections 642(c)(5) and 664 of the
2 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. §§
3 642(c)(5) and 664). The State board and county board shall apply
4 the same standards, criteria, procedures, limitations and
5 requirements to evaluate and purchase agricultural conservation
6 easements held in a pooled income fund, charitable remainder
7 annuity trust or charitable remainder unitrust as are applicable
8 under this section for evaluation and purchase of agricultural
9 conservation easements generally.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.