
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2497 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY FEE, BERNSTINE, CAUSER, CORBIN, CUTLER, DRISCOLL,
GREINER, HICKERNELL, JAMES, KAVULICH, MENTZER, MILLARD,
WATSON AND ZIMMERMAN, JUNE 18, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JUNE 18, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 18, 1982 (P.L.549, No.159), entitled
2 "An act providing for the administration of certain
3 Commonwealth farmland within the Department of Agriculture,"
4 further providing for agricultural land conservation
5 assistance grant program.

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

8 Section 1. Section 7.3 of the act of June 18, 1982 (P.L.549,
9 No.159) entitled "An act providing for the administration of
10 certain Commonwealth farmland within the Department of
11 Agriculture," is amended by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 7.3. Agricultural land conservation assistance grant
13 program.

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15 (f) The department may use up to a total of \$165,000 each
16 fiscal year in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase
17 Fund under section 7.1(a) to issue grants not to exceed \$3,000
18 each for succession planning to ensure that agricultural

1 operations continue on land subject to agricultural conservation
2 easements. The department, in consultation with the State
3 Agricultural Land Preservation Board, shall establish
4 eligibility criteria for awarding grants under this subsection.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.