
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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OCTOBER 19, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
OCTOBER 19, 2021

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(i) 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 paragraph to read:

10 Section 14.1. Purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

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12 (i) Subdivision of land after easement purchase.--

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14 (3) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
15 (d)(1)(v), a county program shall provide for land
16 subject to an agricultural conservation easement to be
17 subdivided under the following conditions:

18 (A) The tract is less than ten acres.

1 (B) The tract is subdivided and conveyed or
2 transferred to the owner of a contiguous tract of
3 land subject to an agricultural conservation easement
4 under this act.

5 (C) Deeds of merger are prepared and filed with
6 the recorder of deeds as follows:

7 (I) To add the tract as a fee simple
8 interest to the parcel.

9 (II) To add the tract to the deed of
10 easement of the new owner.

11 (ii) A subdivision under this paragraph shall not be
12 subject to a roll-back tax under the act of December 19,
13 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania
14 Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974.

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16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.