

# HOUSE BILL 968

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agricultural Land and Programs – People’s Republic of China – Prohibition on**  
3 **Purchase and Participation**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a nonresident alien who is a citizen of the People’s Republic  
5 of China, a commercial enterprise or business incorporated in the People’s Republic  
6 of China, or an individual employed or associated with the government of the  
7 People’s Republic of China from purchasing agricultural land or participating in  
8 certain agricultural programs; and generally relating to agricultural land and  
9 programs.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Agriculture

12 Section 1–202

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Agriculture**

18 **1–202.**

19 **A NONRESIDENT ALIEN WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF**  
20 **CHINA, A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE OR BUSINESS INCORPORATED IN THE**  
21 **PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, OR AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY OR ASSOCIATED**  
22 **WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA MAY NOT:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(1) PURCHASE AGRICULTURAL LAND, INCLUDING LAND USED FOR**  
2 **RAISING LIVESTOCK, THAT IS LOCATED IN THE STATE; OR**

3                   **(2) PARTICIPATE IN STATE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE**  
4 **UNRELATED TO REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD AND FOOD SAFETY.**

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2023.