

## No. 1996-121

## AN ACT

HB 1886

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

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

Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, amended November 23, 1994 (P.L.648, No.100), is amended to read:

Section 5. Agricultural security areas.

(a) Proposals for creation.—Any owner or owners of land used for agricultural production may submit a proposal to the governing body for the creation of an agricultural security area within such local government unit, provided that such owner or owners own at least 250 acres of viable agricultural land proposed to be included in the area. The proposed area may also consist of **[two or more]** *any number of* noncontiguous tax parcels or accounts: Provided, That each tax parcel or account is at least ten acres *or has an anticipated yearly gross income of at least \$2,000 from the agricultural production of crops, livestock and livestock products on such parcel or account.*

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Section 2. Section 14.1 of the act is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 14.1. Purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

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(k) *Provisions for agricultural conservation easements.—Any land subject to an agricultural conservation easement under this act shall continue to be subject to the provisions of sections 11, 12 and 13 regardless of any future modification or termination of the agricultural security area under section 9.*

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 16th day of October, A.D. 1996.

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