

SENATE BILL No. 445

DIGEST OF SB 445 (Updated January 27, 1998 5:58 pm - DI 87)

Citations Affected: IC 36-7.

Synopsis: Agricultural nonconforming uses. Provides that an agricultural nonconforming use of land that began before a comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance came into effect may continue if the landowner maintained the nonconforming use for any three year period in a five year period. Provides that a county or municipality may not restrict an agricultural nonconforming use. Provides that an owner of land used for an agricultural nonconforming use is not required to obtain any of the following for the use of the land: (1) A variance. (2) A special exception. (3) A special use. (4) A contingent use. (5) A conditional use. Provides that an owner of land that is located in a
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Effective: July 1, 1998.

**Wolf, Nugent, Ford, Hume,
Jackman, Young, Landske, Lewis,
Lawson, Paul, Waterman,
Weatherwax**

January 13, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Small Business.
January 22, 1998, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 27, 1998, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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historic area in Marion County and used for an agricultural nonconforming use is not required to obtain the following: (1) A special exception. (2) A special use. (3) A contingent use. (4) A conditional use. (5) A work permit. (6) certificate of appropriateness from the Marion County historic preservation commission.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-7-4-616 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 1998]: **Sec. 616. (a) As used in this section, "nonconforming use**
4 **land" means land that satisfies both of the following:**
5 (1) **The land is agricultural land that is used contrary to a**
6 **comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance established for the**
7 **area where the land is located.**
8 (2) **The land was used for agricultural purposes before the**
9 **adoption of a comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance for the**
10 **area where the land is located.**
11 (b) **Land remains as nonconforming use land as long as the land**
12 **is used for agricultural purposes for any three (3) year period in a**
13 **five (5) year period.**
14 (c) **A county or municipality may not do any of the following:**
15 (1) **Terminate an agricultural nonconforming use on**

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1 nonconforming use land as long as the agricultural
2 nonconforming use has been maintained for at least any three
3 (3) year period in a five (5) year period.

4 (2) Restrict any agricultural nonconforming use on
5 nonconforming use land.

6 (3) Require an owner of nonconforming use land to obtain any
7 of the following for the use of the land for agricultural
8 purposes:

9 (A) A variance for the land.

10 (B) A special exception for the land.

11 (C) A special use for the land.

12 (D) A contingent use for the land.

13 (E) A conditional use for the land.

14 SECTION 2. IC 36-7-11.1-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 13. (a) **Except as**
16 **provided in section 13.1 of this chapter**, any building, structure, or
17 land use in existence at the time of the adoption of the historic
18 preservation plan that is not in conformity to or within the zoning
19 classification or restrictions or requirements or architectural standards
20 of this plan, shall be considered to be a nonconforming use and may
21 continue, but only so long as the owner or owners continuously
22 maintain this use.

23 (b) **Except as provided in section 13.1 of this chapter**, in addition
24 to the requirements pertaining to certificates of appropriateness, the
25 ownership of a nonconforming use is subject to the additional
26 restriction that a nonconforming use may not be reconstructed or
27 structurally altered to an extent exceeding in aggregate cost fifty
28 percent (50%) of the market value thereof unless the structure is
29 changed to a conforming use.

30 SECTION 3. IC 36-7-11.1-13.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
31 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: **Sec. 13.1. (a) As used in this section,**
33 **"nonconforming use land" means land that satisfies both of the**
34 **following:**

35 (1) **The land is agricultural land that is used contrary to a**
36 **comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance established for the**
37 **area where the land is located.**

38 (2) **The land was used for agricultural purposes before the**
39 **adoption of a comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance for the**
40 **area where the land is located.**

41 (b) **Land remains as nonconforming use land as long as the land**
42 **is used for agricultural purposes for any three (3) year period in a**

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- 1 **five (5) year period.**
- 2 **(c) A county or municipality may not do any of the following:**
- 3 **(1) Terminate an agricultural nonconforming use on**
- 4 **nonconforming use land as long as the agricultural**
- 5 **nonconforming use is maintained for at least any three (3)**
- 6 **year period in a five (5) year period.**
- 7 **(2) Restrict any agricultural nonconforming use on**
- 8 **nonconforming use land.**
- 9 **(3) Require an owner of nonconforming use land to obtain any**
- 10 **of the following for the nonconforming use land:**
- 11 **(A) A variance for the land.**
- 12 **(B) A special exception for the land.**
- 13 **(C) A special use for the land.**
- 14 **(D) A contingent use for the land.**
- 15 **(E) A conditional use for the land.**
- 16 **(F) A permit for work under section 8 of this chapter.**
- 17 **(G) A certificate of appropriateness.**

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senators Ford, Hume, Jackman, Landske, Lewis, Lawson, Paul, Waterman, Weatherwax, R. Young be added as coauthors of Senate Bill 445.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Small Business, to which was referred Senate Bill 445, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 3, delete "and except as".

Page 1, line 4, delete "provided in subsection (d)".

Page 2, delete lines 7 through 10.

Page 2, line 30, delete "and except as provided in subsection (d)".

Page 3, deletes lines 11 through 14.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to Senate Bill 445 as introduced.)

NUGENT, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 445 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 4, delete "a".

Page 2, delete line 5 and insert "**any of the following for the use of the land for agricultural purposes:**

- (A) **A variance for the land.**
- (B) **A special exception for the land.**
- (C) **A special use for the land.**
- (D) **A contingent use for the land.**
- (E) **A conditional use for the land."**

Page 3, line 3, delete "use or building".

Page 3, delete lines 4 through 5, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

- "(B) A special exception for the land.**
- (C) A special use for the land.**
- (D) A contingent use for the land.**
- (E) A conditional use for the land.**
- (F) A permit for work under section 8 of this chapter.**
- (G) A certificate of appropriateness."**

(Reference is to Senate Bill 445 as printed January 23, 1998.)

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