

HB1194/800017/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1194
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Natural Resources Protection Program of 2019”; in lines 3 and 4, strike “Natural Resources Whistleblower Program” and substitute “Natural Resources Protection Program through a contractual relationship with a third-party organization to provide rewards of financial compensation to individuals and nonprofit organizations that report violations of natural resources and conservation laws”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 5 down through the semicolon in line 15; in line 15, after “Department” insert “and the third-party organization”; in the same line, after “certain” insert “joint”; in line 16, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Department to select an ombudsperson to serve as a liaison between the Department and the third-party organization; establishing the purpose of the ombudsperson;”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 18 down through “term;” in line 20; and in line 21, strike “the Natural Resources Whistleblower Program” and substitute “a program to provide rewards of financial compensation for reporting violations of natural resources or conservation laws”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 1 through line 27 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 1, strike “whistleblower program by entering into a partnership” and substitute “contractual relationship”; in lines 9 and 10, strike “**A NATURAL RESOURCES WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM**” and substitute “**A NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION PROGRAM THROUGH A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE REWARDS OF FINANCIAL COMPENSATION TO INDIVIDUALS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT**”

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REPORT VIOLATIONS OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR CONSERVATION LAWS"; in line 14, strike the second "AND"; in line 16, strike the period and substitute "**; AND**"; and in line 17, strike "**(3) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE**" and substitute "**(III) PROVIDE**".

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 3 through line 21 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 22, strike "**(C)**" and substitute "**(B)**"; in the same line, after "**DEPARTMENT**" insert "**AND THE THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION**"; in line 23, after "**A**" insert "**JOINT**"; in line 26, strike "**REVENUE**" and substitute "**AGGREGATE VALUE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS**"; in lines 27 and 28, strike "**BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES WHISTLEBLOWER FUND**"; in line 29, before "**REPORTS**" insert "**NUMBER AND TYPES OF**"; in the same line, after "**TO THE**" insert "**THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION AND THE**"; and in line 30, strike "AND".

On page 5, in line 2, strike the period and substitute a semicolon; and after line 2, insert:

(4) THE METHODOLOGY THAT THE THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION USED TO MAKE THE REWARDS;

(5) THE VALUE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONATIONS;

(6) THE NUMBER OF TIPS THAT LED TO ARRESTS AND ADJUDICATION;

(7) THE CUMULATIVE VALUE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROPERTY INVOLVED IN THE CASES; AND

(8) A LIST OF NONINDIVIDUAL DONORS.

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT AN OMBUDSPERSON TO SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION.

(2) THE OMBUDSPERSON SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) THE PURPOSE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON IS TO:

(I) BE THE PRIMARY LIAISON BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT, THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE, THE THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION, AND THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDED THE TIP;

(II) COLLECT AND MAINTAIN RECORDS AND DATA FOR THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;

(III) PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS REGULAR UPDATES ON THE STATUS OF THE PROVIDED TIPS;

(IV) WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION TO PROACTIVELY MARKET THE EXISTENCE OF THE PROGRAM; AND

(V) MAINTAIN ACTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE INVESTIGATORY DIVISION AND ENSURE THAT TIPS ARE INVESTIGATED FULLY BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE.”.

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On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 5 on page 5 through line 28 on page 6, inclusive.