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BY: Senator Hough

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 414
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, strike beginning with “Department” in line 25 down through “Fund” in line 26 and substitute “Governor to appropriate certain funds”; in line 27, strike “, after funding certain eligible costs”; and in lines 28 and 30, in each instance, strike “transferred” and substitute “appropriated”.

On pages 7 and 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 7 through line 20 on page 8, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 40 in line 8, and on page 45 in line 2, in each instance, strike “§ 9–1605.2(I)(11)(I)” and substitute “§ 2–1212(D)”.

On page 41, after line 28, insert:

“(D) (1) IN FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2030 THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE:

(I) \$10,000,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST FOR THE URBAN TREES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8–1911 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE;

(II) \$2,500,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO BE USED, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR TREE PLANTING ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND; AND

(III) \$2,500,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO THE MARYLAND

(Over)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FUND TREE PLANTINGS UNDER THE CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-706 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE AND OTHER TREE-PLANTING PROGRAMS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

(2) FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-2A-04(C)(2) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE;

(II) MAY BE USED TO COVER THE COSTS OF:

1. SITE PREPARATION, LABOR, AND MATERIALS FOR TREE-PLANTING PROJECTS;

2. MAINTAINING TREES FOLLOWING A PLANTING PROJECT; AND

3. LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PAYMENTS OR SIGNING BONUSES OF UP TO \$1,000 PER ACRE OF TREES PLANTED;

(III) MAY NOT BE USED TO PLANT TREES INTENDED FOR TIMBER HARVEST; AND

(IV) MAY BE USED ONLY FOR TREE PLANTINGS ON PRIVATE LAND IF THE LANDOWNER ENTERS INTO A BINDING LEGAL AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN THE PLANTED AREA IN TREE COVER FOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS.

(3) FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.

On pages 45 through 49, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 45 through line 5 on page 49, inclusive.

On page 49, in line 6, strike “7.” and substitute “5.”.

On page 51, in line 27, strike “8.” and substitute “6.”; and in line 31, strike “9.” and substitute “7.”.

On page 52, in line 1, strike “10.” and substitute “8.”; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 10, inclusive; in line 11, strike “12.” and substitute “9.”; in lines 11 and 13, in each instance, strike “7” and substitute “5”; in line 15, strike “13.” and substitute “10.”; in line 16, strike “9” and substitute “7”; and in the same line, strike “12” and substitute “9”.