

SB0737/234738/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 737

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Rosapepe” and substitute “Senators Rosapepe, Elfreth, Guzzone, Hester, Smith, Washington, and Young”; in line 26, strike “requiring” and substitute “authorizing”; in line 28, after “requiring” insert “, instead of authorizing,”; and strike beginning with “or” in line 29 down through “reforestation” in line 30.

On page 3, in line 13, strike “and” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “5-509(b)” insert “, and 9-1622”; in line 35, after “Section” insert “1-110 and”; and in the same line, strike “and 5-1610.2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 10, strike “**CONTRACT, EASEMENT, OR**” and substitute “**COST-SHARE**”.

On page 7, in line 22, after “**OUTCOMES**” insert “**, AS DEFINED IN § 9-1601 OF THIS ARTICLE,**”.

On page 8, in line 12, after “**NATURAL**” insert “**ELEMENT**”; and in line 13, after “**ELEMENT**” insert “**DESIGNED TO MIMIC OR ENHANCE THE FUNCTION OF A NATURAL ELEMENT**”.

On page 10, in line 21, after “**NATURAL**” insert “**ELEMENT**”; and in line 22, after “**ELEMENT**” insert “**DESIGNED TO MIMIC OR ENHANCE THE FUNCTION OF A NATURAL ELEMENT**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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On page 18, in line 2, strike “TREATMENT WORKS PROJECT” and substitute “WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM”.

On page 19, after line 23, insert:

“9-1622.

This subtitle may be cited as the Maryland Water [Quality] INFRASTRUCTURE Financing Administration Act.”;

and after line 24, insert:

“1-110.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIPS, THROUGH FORMAL CONTRACTS OR MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE IN CARBON OFFSET MARKETS OR PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO:

(1) CREATE STATEWIDE OR REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINIMIZING THE COSTS AND MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS OF ENROLLING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LANDS IN CARBON OFFSET MARKETS; AND

(2) ASSIST PRIVATE LANDOWNERS WITH THE AGGREGATION OF PROJECTS TO MAKE THE PROJECTS MORE SALEABLE IN CARBON OFFSET MARKET PROGRAMS.”.

On page 20, in line 12, strike “SHALL” and substitute “MAY”; in line 15, after “AS” insert “THE TRUST DETERMINES”; and in line 16, strike “TRUST” and substitute “EASEMENT AND ARE OTHERWISE CONSISTENT WITH THE TRUST’S POLICIES RELATED TO ECOSYSTEM SERVICES”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 22, in line 11, strike “LOCATED”; and in the same line, after “LANDS” insert “THAT ARE RESTORED AFTER JULY 1, 2021,”.

On page 23, in line 18, strike “SHALL” and substitute “MAY”; in line 21, after “AS” insert “THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES”; strike beginning with “DO” in line 22 down through “PROGRAM” in line 23 and substitute “AFFIRMATIVELY INCREASE THE CONSERVATION ATTRIBUTES OF THE PROPERTY BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EASEMENT”; and strike beginning with “USED” in line 24 down through “PROPERTY” in line 26 and substitute “CREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION ARE USED ONLY:”

1. TO MITIGATE OFFSITE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE IN A PRIORITY FUNDING AREA, AS DEFINED IN § 5-7B-02 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; OR

2. IN A MANNER THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND STATE AND LOCAL OBJECTIVES FOR LAND PROTECTION”.

On page 24, strike beginning with the colon in line 21 down through “1.” in line 22; in line 22, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “FOREST”; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 24 down through “SUCCESSFUL” in line 27.

On page 29, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 14, inclusive; and in lines 26 and 27, strike “A WATER QUALITY COMPLIANCE PLAN” and substitute “AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION COMMITMENT AGREED TO UNDER THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT”.

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On page 31, strike in their entirety lines 15 and 16, inclusive; in line 17, strike “(G)” and substitute “(F)”; and after line 28, insert:

“~~[(d)]~~ (G) “Trust Fund” means the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund.”.

On page 34, in line 11, strike the first set of brackets; in the same line, strike “ENSURE THAT A MAJORITY OF”; and in line 12, strike “IS AWARDED”.

On page 38, in line 30, strike “AND PUBLIC”.

On page 43, in line 21, strike “AND”; and in line 22, after “SERVICE” insert “; AND”

(VI) THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES”.

On page 46, in line 13, after “AUGMENT” insert “OR RESTORE”.

On page 47, in line 21, after “(A)” insert “(1)”; in the same line, strike “ONCE” and substitute “THREE TIMES”; and in the same line, after “YEAR” insert “.”

(2) MEETINGS MAY BE HELD VIRTUALLY OR”.

On page 49, strike beginning with “Society” in line 10 down through “Professionals” in line 11 and substitute “Association of Certified Public Accountants”.