

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 635

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Permits – Fees” and substitute “Permit Fees - Workgroup”; strike beginning with “a” in line 3 down through “requiring” in line 7; in line 8, after “structure” insert “in a certain manner”; in line 9, after “Department” insert “of the Environment”; in line 11, strike “defining certain terms;” and substitute “providing for the termination of this Act;”; strike in their entirety lines 13 through 22, inclusive; in line 24, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and strike line 25 in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 down through line 13 on page 5.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, strike beginning with “Prior” in line 14 down through the first “the” in line 15 and substitute “The”; in line 16, strike “the” and substitute “;

(1) The;

in line 17, strike “, the” and substitute “;

(2) The;

in the same line, strike “, agriculture” and substitute “;

(3) Agriculture;

in the same line, strike “, public” and substitute “;

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(4) Public”;

in line 18, strike “, the golf” and substitute “;

(5) The golf”;

in the same line, strike “, the power” and substitute “;

(6) The power”;

in the same line, strike “, and the” and substitute “; and

(7) The”;

strike beginning with “to” in line 19 down through “Act” in line 21; after line 21 insert:

“(b) (1) The workgroup shall develop a structure of fees related to the issuance and renewal of a water appropriation and use permit issued by the Department of the Environment under § 5-502 of the Environment Article.

(2) The structure of fees shall be set in the manner necessary to:

(i) Fund the cost to the Department of regulating or monitoring the activity for which the permit is issued; and

(ii) Support the needs of the Department for program development activities, including:

1. Conducting watershed and aquifer studies;

2. Monitoring and assessing the cumulative impacts associated with regulated activities on the State's groundwater and surface water;
3. Developing and implementing a statewide water supply plan; and
4. Providing technical assistance to local governments.”;

in line 22, strike “(b)” and substitute “(c)”; in the same line, strike “of the Environment”; in line 25, strike “findings and recommendations of” and substitute “structure of fees developed by”; in line 27, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; in line 28, strike “July” and substitute “June”; in the same line, after “2012.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.