

**HB0775/460517/1**

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 775

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Act” and substitute “Workgroup”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “to” in line 29.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 16, inclusive, and substitute “establishing the Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding the establishment of a pesticide use database; requiring the Workgroup to report its preliminary and final findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup.”; and strike in their entirety lines 17 through 27, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 29, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 14, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 2 through line 15 on page 14, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

(6) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

(7) the Chair of the Pesticide Advisory Committee, or the Chair's designee; and

(8) the following members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House:

(i) one representative of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation;

(ii) one representative of the Maryland Pesticide Network;

(iii) one representative of the Maryland Farm Bureau;

(iv) one representative of the Maryland State Pest Control Association;

(v) one representative of the Maryland Grain Producers;

(vi) one representative from the environmental community;

(vii) one public health expert;

(viii) one environmental health expert; and

(ix) one farmer.

(c) (1) The President of the Senate shall designate one of the members appointed from the Senate of Maryland as cochair of the Workgroup.

(2) The Speaker of the House shall designate one of the members appointed from the House of Delegates as cochair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Department of Agriculture shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) identify any pesticide use data gaps;

(2) determine the appropriate format to make data available for research;

(3) review scientific research and data regarding the use of pesticides and the potential for harm from pesticides;

(4) determine and make recommendations regarding how to protect the privacy of a person reporting data;

(5) determine and make recommendations regarding the best method for assembling and maintaining data;

(6) determine the need for and make recommendations regarding regulations and guidelines needed for a consistent, unified database;

(7) determine and make recommendations regarding whether legislation is necessary to facilitate access to pesticide information and data;

(8) determine whether it is feasible to gather data from retailers and homeowners; and

(9) consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies when the Workgroup determines it necessary.

(g) (1) On or before December 31, 2013, the Workgroup shall report its preliminary findings and recommendations to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

(2) On or before July 1, 2014, the Workgroup shall report its final findings and recommendations to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 14, in line 16, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and in line 17, after “2013.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May 31, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.