

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 451

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “Desert Areas” and substitute “Deserts”; in line 4, strike the second “purpose” and substitute “purposes”; in line 5, strike “help creating” and substitute “helping to create”; in line 6, after “the” insert “Business Development Program in the Neighborhood Business Development”; in line 14, after “regulations;” insert “authorizing a certain entity to originate and administer financial assistance to a food desert project under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to provide financial assistance in a certain manner when an approved entity originates or provides financial assistance for a food desert project under certain circumstances;”; and in line 24, after “6-308.2” insert “and 6-308.3”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, after line 14, insert:

“6-308.3.

(A) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT AN ENTITY IS CAPABLE OF ADMINISTERING A FOOD DESERT PROJECT, THE ENTITY MAY ORIGINATE AND ADMINISTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A FOOD DESERT PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS THE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS BY REGULATION.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY:

(1) PAY AN APPROVED ENTITY A REASONABLE ORIGINATION, APPLICATION, AND PROCESSING FEE FOR EACH FOOD DESERT PROJECT THAT IS ORIGINATED BY THE APPROVED ENTITY;

(Over)

(2) DIRECTLY FUND THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR A FOOD DESERT PROJECT THAT IS ORIGINATED BY AN APPROVED ENTITY; AND

(3) PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AN APPROVED ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE APPROVED ENTITY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR A FOOD DESERT PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.