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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 257
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “incorporating” in line 3 down through “law;” in line 10 and substitute “requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations to implement the Phosphorus Management Tool on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to fully implement and require the use of the Phosphorus Management Tool under certain circumstances on or before a certain date; defining a certain term;”; strike in their entirety lines 12 through 16, inclusive; and in line 19, strike “and 8-808.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 4 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 9, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PHOSPHORUS MANAGEMENT TOOL” MEANS THE NEW PROCEDURE DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, AND DESCRIBED IN THE MARYLAND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT MANUAL, SECTION II-C, THAT:

(1) USES CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS, LANDFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL RISK OF PHOSPHORUS LOSSES FROM SOILS TO WATERS; AND

(2) WILL BE PHASED IN BETWEEN 2016 AND 2022, ULTIMATELY REPLACING THE PHOSPHORUS SITE INDEX.

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(B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2016, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PHOSPHORUS MANAGEMENT TOOL.

(C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FULLY IMPLEMENT AND REQUIRE THE USE OF THE PHOSPHORUS MANAGEMENT TOOL BY OPERATIONS THAT HAVE SOILS WITH AN AVERAGE PHOSPHORUS FERTILITY INDEX VALUE GREATER THAN 150.”.

On pages 5 through 17, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 5 through line 5 on page 17, inclusive.

On page 17, in line 6, strike “June” and substitute “July”.