

HOUSE BILL 132

M4, P1

6lr1362

By: **Delegates Lafferty, Healey, Lierman, and S. Robinson**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Pollinator Habitat Plans**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain State agencies that own or manage property or land,
4 in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to establish certain pollinator
5 habitat plans on or before a certain date; requiring certain State agencies to make
6 certain pollinator habitat plans publicly available in a certain manner on or before a
7 certain date; requiring certain State agencies to implement certain pollinator habitat
8 plans on or before a certain date; requiring certain State agencies to report to certain
9 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
10 relating to pollinator habitat plans.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Agriculture

13 Section 2–1701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Pollinator Habitat Plans”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Agriculture**

19 **SUBTITLE 17. POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS.**

20 **2–1701.**

21 **(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2017, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF**
22 **THIS SUBSECTION, A STATE AGENCY THAT OWNS OR MANAGES PROPERTY OR LAND,**
23 **IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL ESTABLISH A POLLINATOR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 HABITAT PLAN FOR EACH PROPERTY OR PIECE OF LAND OWNED OR MANAGED BY
2 THE STATE AGENCY.

3 (2) THE POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS REQUIRED UNDER THIS
4 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR THE
5 MAINTENANCE, CREATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND RESTORATION OF POLLINATOR
6 HABITATS.

7 (B) A STATE AGENCY THAT IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH POLLINATOR
8 HABITAT PLANS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

9 (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, MAKE AVAILABLE THE
10 REQUIRED POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS ON THE STATE AGENCY'S WEB SITE; AND

11 (2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, IMPLEMENT THE REQUIRED
12 POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2018,
14 a State agency that is required to establish pollinator habitat plans under this Act shall
15 report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the
16 House Environment and Transportation Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the
17 State Government Article, on the pollinator habitat plans.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2016.