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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1158

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Jennings” and substitute “, Jennings, Astle, Benson, Feldman, Hershey, Klausmeier, Mathias, Reilly, Rosapepe, and Oaks”; in line 2, strike “Power Plant Research Program” and substitute “Department of Natural Resources”; in line 4, after “program” insert “of the Department of Natural Resources”; in line 7, strike “power plant research program” and substitute “Department”; in line 8, strike “pollinator friendly” and substitute “pollinator-friendly”; in the same line, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Department to adopt a certain scorecard for certain solar generation facilities; providing that a solar generation facility may receive a certain designation only by the Department;”; in line 10, after “designation;” insert “requiring an owner of a pollinator-friendly solar generation facility to provide appropriate maintenance of the pollinator vegetation;”; in line 11, strike “certain entities;” and substitute “a certain entity; authorizing the Department to charge an owner of a solar generation facility a certain fee to cover certain costs;”; in line 12, strike “of Natural Resources”; and in line 13, strike “power plant research program” and substitute “designation of solar generation facilities as pollinator-friendly”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 21, strike “**THE**”; in the same line, strike “**ON**” and substitute “:

(I) ON”;

in line 22, after “**PROPOSED**” insert “**OR AN EXISTING**”; in the same line, after “**LOCATED**” insert “**;** **AND**

(II) THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE LAND THAT IS ADJACENT TO THE LAND ON WHICH THE SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY IS LOCATED”;

(Over)

in line 24, strike “POWER PLANT RESEARCH PROGRAM” and substitute “DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.”; in line 25, strike “POLLINATOR FRIENDLY” and substitute “POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY”; in line 27, after “(B)” insert “THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT A SOLAR SITE POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT SCORECARD THAT:

(1) HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BEE LAB;

(2) MAY BE UPDATED OR AMENDED ONLY ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS;
AND

(3) APPLIES ONLY TO SOLAR GENERATION FACILITIES.

(C) (1) A SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY MAY BE DESIGNATED AS POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY ONLY BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2);

in lines 27 and 28, strike “POWER PLANT RESEARCH PROGRAM” and substitute “DEPARTMENT”; in line 28, strike “POLLINATOR FRIENDLY” and substitute “POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY”; in line 29, strike “IS”; in line 30, strike “GROUND-MOUNTED” and substitute “IS GROUND-MOUNTED”; in the same line, strike “AND”; in lines 29, 30, and 31, strike “(1)”, “(I)”, and “(II)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “1.”, and “2.”, respectively; in line 31, strike “AT” and substitute “IS AT”; and after line 31, insert:

“3. MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM SCORE IDENTIFIED IN THE SOLAR SITE POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT SCORECARD; AND”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “(2)” and substitute “(II)”; in the same line, strike “THAT” and substitute “ON WHICH”; in line 2, strike “ON”; in line 3, strike “APPROVED” and substitute “EVALUATED UNDER § 3-303(B)(9) OF THIS SUBTITLE”; in line 6, strike “POLLINATOR FRIENDLY” and substitute “POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY”; in line 8, after “DESIGNATED” insert “AS POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY”; in the same line, strike “POWER PLANT RESEARCH PROGRAM” and substitute “DEPARTMENT”; after line 9, insert:

“(D) THE OWNER OF A POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE MAINTENANCE OF THE POLLINATOR VEGETATION.”;

in line 10, strike “(D)” and substitute “(E)”; in line 12, after “PLAN” insert “EVALUATED UNDER § 3-303(B)(9) OF THIS SUBTITLE BY THE POWER PLANT RESEARCH PROGRAM”; strike beginning with the colon in line 12 down through “THE” in line 14 and substitute “THE”; in line 16, strike “(E)” and substitute “(F) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION RESTRICTS ANY FARMING PRACTICES ON ANY LAND ADJACENT TO THE LAND ON WHICH A SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY IS LOCATED.”

(G) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CHARGE THE OWNER OF A SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY A REASONABLE FEE TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGNATING THE SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY AS POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY.

(H).