

SENATE BILL 352

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Agriculture)**

Requested: September 28, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Multiflora Rose Management – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law declaring that the existence of multiflora
4 rose may be a certain nuisance on land used for agricultural production; repealing
5 provisions of law requiring a person who owns land where multiflora rose is grown
6 to maintain the land in a certain manner; repealing provisions of law requiring the
7 Secretary of Agriculture to make a certain investigation under certain
8 circumstances; repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary to provide certain
9 notice of a certain violation; repealing provisions of law authorizing the Secretary to
10 accept and use certain funding under certain circumstances; and generally relating
11 to multiflora rose management.

12 BY repealing

13 Article – Agriculture

14 Section 9–701 through 9–705 and the subtitle “Subtitle 7. Multiflora Rose
15 Management”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Agriculture**

21 **[Subtitle 7. Multiflora Rose Management.]**

22 **[9–701.]**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 The existence of growth of rosa multiflora, commonly known as multiflora rose, may
2 be a public and common nuisance on land used for agricultural production.]

3 [9-702.

4 A person who owns land where multiflora rose is grown shall maintain the land in
5 accordance with management techniques prescribed by the Department to prevent the
6 spread of multiflora rose to adjoining property used for agricultural production.]

7 [9-703.

8 On a signed, written complaint to the Secretary by a county resident, the Secretary
9 shall make an investigation to determine the extent of any multiflora rose infestation that
10 violates the provisions of this subtitle.]

11 [9-704.

12 On a determination by the Secretary that a violation of this subtitle exists, the
13 Secretary shall give written notice to the landowner who shall initiate action within 30
14 days of the written notice to comply with this subtitle.]

15 [9-705.

16 The Secretary may accept, use, or expend any aid, gift, or grant made available from
17 any private or public source to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.]

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2021.