

Chapter 121

(Senate Bill 352)

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Multiflora Rose Management – Repeal

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

BY repealing

Article – Agriculture

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

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

[Subtitle 7. Multiflora Rose Management.]

[9–701.

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

[9–702.

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

[9–703.

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

[9-704.

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

[9-705.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2021.