

HB0950/313924/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 950
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Stein**” and substitute “**Delegates Stein, Allen, Boyce, Foley, Guyton, Healey, Lehman, J. Long, Love, T. Morgan, Ruth, Stewart, Terrasa, and Ziegler**”; in line 5, strike “University of Maryland Extension” and substitute “Department of Agriculture”; in line 6, strike “Department of Agriculture” and substitute “University of Maryland Extension”; in line 8, after “certain” insert “educational”; in line 9, after “create” insert “and maintain”; and in the same line, after “and” insert “a”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 13 and 14; in line 21, strike “**ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE**” and substitute “**RESPOND TO THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR,**”; in the same line, after “**USE**” insert “**OF,**”; in line 26, after “**(C)**” insert:

“(1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(2);

in the same line, after “**THE**” insert “**EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS OF THE**”; and in line 27, after “**DEPARTMENT**” insert “**AND OTHER AGENCIES**”.

On page 3, in line 7, strike “**ANY**” and substitute “**EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**”; in line 8, strike “**IN THE ADMINISTRATION**” and substitute “**TO DELIVER EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS**”; in line 10, strike “**ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN**” and substitute “**PROVIDE INPUT AND EXPERTISE TO**

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THE DEPARTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF"; in line 12, strike "GUIDANCE" and substitute "**INPUT AND EXPERTISE**"; in line 15, after "GROWERS" insert "**AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS**"; in line 17, after "EDUCATION" insert "**, APPLIED RESEARCH,**"; in lines 21 and 25, in each instance, strike ", IN COORDINATION WITH" and substitute "**SHALL PROVIDE INPUT TO**"; in lines 22 and 26, in each instance, after the first comma insert "**WHO SHALL RECEIVE INPUT FROM**"; in the same lines, in each instance, strike the second comma; in lines 23 and 27, in each instance, strike "SHALL" and substitute "**TO**"; after line 28, insert:

"(C) WHEN A CULTIVAR OR HYBRID OF A NATIVE PLANT FILLS AN ECOLOGICAL NICHE THAT A NATIVE PLANT IS NO LONGER ABLE TO FILL DUE TO WIDESPREAD ATTACK BY DISEASE OR INSECTS, THE NATIVE PLANT SPECIALIST SHALL FIRST RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY AND THEN INFORM AND GUIDE THE DEPARTMENT IN EVALUATING THE CULTIVAR OR HYBRID OF A NATIVE PLANT FOR INCLUSION ON THE COMMERCIAL MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT LIST.";

and in line 29, strike "(C)" and substitute "**(D)**".

On page 4, in line 9, strike "UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION" and substitute "**DEPARTMENT**"; and in line 22, after "CODE" insert "**CONTAINING PLANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**".

On page 5, after line 21, insert:

"(D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION TO HIRE ONE EXTENSION AGENT AS A NATIVE PLANT SPECIALIST AND \$100,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE STAFF TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.".