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(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 979

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 19, after the semicolon insert “authorizing the State Highway Administration to conduct certain activities related to controlling and disposing of invasive plant species under certain circumstances and in a certain manner;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 9, in line 13, strike “paragraph” and substitute “PARAGRAPHS (2) AND”; in the same line, strike the second set of brackets; in the same line, strike “(2)”; in line 14, strike “and in accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary”; in line 17, after “may” insert “, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT,”; and after line 27, insert:

“(3) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY CONDUCT AN ACTIVITY PROHIBITED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING OR DISPOSING OF A PROHIBITED INVASIVE PLANT ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY.

“(II) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONTROL OR DISPOSE OF PROHIBITED INVASIVE PLANTS ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

**(iii) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OF ANY CHANGES TO REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IMPACT THE CONTROL OR DISPOSAL OF PROHIBITED INVASIVE PLANTS.**