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**By: Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Forest Conservation Law - Exemption for Certain Local Jurisdictions**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain local jurisdictions from the requirements of the  
4 State Forest Conservation Law; and generally relating to forest conservation.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Natural Resources  
7 Section 5-1602(b)(10) and (11)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

10 BY adding to  
11 Article - Natural Resources  
12 Section 5-1602(b)(12)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Natural Resources**

18 5-1602.

19 (b) The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to:

20 (10) A county that has and maintains 200,000 acres or more of its land area in  
21 forest cover; [and]

22 (11) The cutting or clearing of trees to comply with the requirements of 14  
23 C.F.R. § 77.25 relating to objects affecting navigable airspace, provided that the Federal  
24 Aviation Administration has determined that the trees are a hazard to aviation[.]; AND

25 (12) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE:

26 (I) ALLEGANY COUNTY;

27 (II) CALVERT COUNTY;

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- 1 (III) CAROLINE COUNTY;
- 2 (IV) CARROLL COUNTY;
- 3 (V) CECIL COUNTY;
- 4 (VI) CHARLES COUNTY;
- 5 (VII) DORCHESTER COUNTY;
- 6 (VIII) FREDERICK COUNTY;
- 7 (IX) GARRETT COUNTY;
- 8 (X) KENT COUNTY;
- 9 (XI) QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;
- 10 (XII) ST. MARY'S COUNTY;
- 11 (XIII) SOMERSET COUNTY;
- 12 (XIV) TALBOT COUNTY;
- 13 (XV) WASHINGTON COUNTY;
- 14 (XVI) WICOMICO COUNTY; AND
- 15 (XVII) WORCESTER COUNTY.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 1996.