

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 653

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “review;” insert “establishing additional exemptions from the requirement to obtain a certain permit before conducting certain activities;”; and after line 12, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 5-503 (h) and (i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 29, insert:

“(H) (1) A FORESTRY ACTIVITY RELATED TO CLEARING AND GRADING FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF TEMPORARY ACCESS WATERWAY CROSSINGS, SUCH AS CULVERTS, FORDS, AND BRIDGES, REQUIRED TO CONVEY MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE ACTIVITY SHALL BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY ACTIVITY APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(I) (1) AN ACTIVITY RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND

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REPAIR OF AGRICULTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE ACTIVITY SHALL BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVED, IN WRITING, BY THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY ACTIVITY APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION.”.