BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 (First Reading File Joint Resolution)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with the second "to" in line 5 down through "amount" in line 6 and substitute "<u>to include a certain amount in the annual State budget to fund a certain objective;</u> <u>urging the Maryland Department of the Environment to explore the availability of federal funding for</u> <u>the Cover Crop Cost Share Program</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 8, insert:

"<u>WHEREAS</u>, As the largest estuary in the United States, the Chesapeake Bay is both a State and national treasure; and".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike beginning with "by" in line 8 down through "purposes" in line 9 and substitute "<u>by including a sufficient amount in the annual State budget to fund this objective</u>"; and after line 10, insert:

"<u>RESOLVED</u>, That the Maryland Department of Agriculture is urged to explore the availability of federal funding for the Cover Crop Cost Share Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it further".