

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1379

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “manner;” insert “requiring the Department to use a certain percentage of funds in a certain manner; providing for the duration of a certain easement; authorizing a landowner to engage in certain activities in a certain manner and under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to submit certain plans to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain time; requiring the Department under certain circumstances to give priority to certain expenditures;”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 11 down through “acquisitions;” in line 12; and in line 14, after “reports” insert “and plans”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 18, strike “GREENPRINT” and substitute “GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE”; in lines 26 and 30, in each instance, strike “GREENPRINT” and substitute “GREEN”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 16, after “(C)” insert “(1)”; and after line 16, insert:

“(2) (I) 25 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE SPENT ON THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION APPROVED DISTRICTS THAT CONTAIN LAND WITHIN THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.

“(II) FUNDS USED TO PURCHASE AGRICULTURAL LAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE ENCUMBERED ANNUALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION PROCEDURES IN TITLE 2, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE.

(Over)

(III) AN EASEMENT PURCHASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH IS PERPETUAL AND MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED OR RELEASED.”; after line 33, insert:

“(G) A LAND OWNER WHO PARTICIPATES IN THIS PROGRAM MAY RESERVE THE ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN SILVICULTURAL PRACTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY AND THE TERMS OF THE EASEMENT, PROVIDED THAT THESE PRACTICES DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM.

(H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT PLANS FOR ANY PURCHASES OF A REAL PROPERTY INTEREST THAT INVOLVE AMOUNTS OVER \$2 MILLION TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TRANSACTION IS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR APPROVAL.”.

On page 3, in line 2, strike “BY RESOLUTION”; strike beginning with the colon in line 5 down through “AREA” in line 7; strike in their entirety lines 16 through 19, inclusive; and in line 20, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 24, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for purposes other than purchasing agricultural land under this Act, the Department of Natural Resources shall, to the extent possible, give priority in expending funds for the Maryland GreenPrint Program in counties where the Department holds a real property interest on less than 9 percent of land in a county.”.