

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 617

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, in line 35, strike "1,500" and substitute "1,934".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 34, after "(FF)" insert "(1)"; and in line 36, strike "1" and substitute "2".

On page 5, after line 37, insert:

"(2) (I) THE SOUTH SAVAGE WILDLAND AREA PROVIDES A UNIQUE SITE FOR THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND OFFERS AN OUTSTANDING VALUE FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING OF NATURAL PROCESSES AND RELATED ECONOMIC, SOCIOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL BENEFITS.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW RESEARCH STUDY IN THE SOUTH SAVAGE WILDLAND AREA THAT INVOLVES SOME ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GENERALLY RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED IN STATE WILDLAND AREAS, IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE ACTIVITIES WILL NOT CAUSE ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THE WILDLAND RESOURCES AND THE ECOLOGICAL VALUES OF THE SITE.

(III) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM, THROUGH ITS CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE SITE SETTING FORTH THE TIMING, DURATION, AND GENERAL SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES TO BE

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ALLOWED, SUBJECT TO PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.”.