By: **Carroll County Delegation** Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2004 Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Carroll County - Abatement of Weed Nuisances

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the growth of certain weeds may not constitute a

4 nuisance or menace if the land on which the weeds are growing is being used for

5 certain purposes or if the land is owned by Carroll County and has a certain

6 designation; and generally relating to the abatement of weed nuisances in

7 Carroll County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 9 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County
- 10 Section 3-106(b)
- 11 Article 7 Public Local Laws of Maryland
- 12 (2000 Edition and October 2002 Supplement, as amended)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article 7 - Carroll County

16 3-106.

17 (b) The County Commissioners may remove any nuisance or menace to the

18 public health or safety arising from the growth of weeds, the accumulation of refuse,

19 an abandoned well, the presence of stagnant water, or the presence of combustible

20 material after 10 days' advance notice to the owner or occupant of the property upon

21 which the nuisance or menace is found. THE GROWTH OF WEEDS MAY NOT

22 CONSTITUTE A NUISANCE OR MENACE IF THE LAND ON WHICH THE WEEDS ARE

23 GROWING IS BEING USED FOR A BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL PURPOSE OR IF THE

24 LAND IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY AND IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS A NATURAL

25 REGENERATION PROJECT AREA. Notice may be given by personal service or by mail.

26 If the written order is delivered by mail, notice is effective at the end of the known

27 fifth day after its deposit in the mail to the last known address of the owner or

28 occupant of the property concerned.

HOUSE BILL 1186

- 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 October 1, 2004.