

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Montgomery**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - State Wildlands - Green Ridge State Forest**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to recommend to
4 the General Assembly areas constituting a certain percentage of the total
5 acreage of certain special areas of the Green Ridge State Forest to be designated
6 as expanded State wildlands; requiring the Department to conduct a certain
7 survey and develop a certain metes and bounds description; requiring the
8 Department to submit a report, on or before a certain date, to certain legislative
9 committees that includes certain information; and generally relating to the
10 State wildlands system.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) In this section, "special area" means an area in the Green Ridge State
14 Forest identified by the Department of Natural Resources as an area for possible
15 inclusion in the State wildlands system under Title 5, Subtitle 12 of the Natural
16 Resources Article.

17 (b) To expand the areas of the Green Ridge State Forest currently designated
18 as three State wildlands in accordance with § 5-1203(l), (w), and (x) of the Natural
19 Resources Article, the Department of Natural Resources shall recommend to the
20 General Assembly areas constituting 10% of the total acreage of the special areas.

21 (c) The Department of Natural Resources shall:

22 (1) conduct a survey and develop a metes and bounds description of each
23 special area of the Green Ridge State Forest recommended to be designated as part of
24 an expanded State wildland under § 5-1203(l), (w), and (x) of the Natural Resources
25 Article; and

26 (2) on or before December 1, 2006, submit to the Senate Education,
27 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters
28 Committee a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,
29 that includes the information necessary for the General Assembly to enact legislation

1 in the 2007 session that expands the existing wildlands in the Green Ridge State
2 Forest and includes the revised statutory metes and bounds descriptions.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect June 1, 2006.