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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 352

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Redevelopment –” insert “Report on Need for”; in line 3, after “requiring” insert “the Department of the Environment to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date with a certain recommendation regarding whether or not there is a need for a program to review and approve development plans before new construction begins on a golf course; requiring the report to include a description of a certain process and a certain summary; requiring the Department to take certain actions in developing a certain recommendation;”; and strike beginning with “a” in line 3 down through the second “circumstances;” in line 21.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 4, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

“(a) (1) On or before December 31, 2007, the Department of the Environment shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, with a recommendation regarding whether or not there is a need for a program to review and approve development plans before new construction begins on a golf course.

(2) The report shall include:

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(i) a description of the appropriate process to review and approve development plans, including the required information to be reviewed, the type of investigation to be conducted, and any specific standards that would need to be met before granting approval for a development plan for new construction on a golf course; and

(ii) a summary of any opposing views from business, environmental, or community groups and an explanation of the reasons why those opposing views were not adopted by the Department.

(b) In developing the recommendation for the report under subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall:

(1) solicit input from stakeholders, including environmental scientists and engineers, environmental organizations, community groups, owners and operators of golf courses, professional groundskeepers, homebuilders, and representatives from local, State, and federal environmental agencies;

(2) conduct a review of existing scientific literature concerning the redevelopment of golf courses;

(3) determine whether federal law or a law of another state in the region requires a special review of former golf course property before approving a development project;

(4) review all available sampling results and environmental analyses for golf courses in the State;

(5) estimate the cost to the State to prepare, review, and approve development plans for new construction on golf courses;

(6) consider potential impacts on human health or the environment from the redevelopment of golf courses for residential and public uses;

(7) consider the potential impacts on the availability of land for redevelopment and on the willingness of land owners to develop land as a golf course if a program to review development plans is implemented; and

(8) consider the costs to owners, operators, and developers, as well as residential and commercial buyers of former golf course property, if a program to review development plans is implemented.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 5 on page 2 through line 3 on page 6, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in line 5, strike “October 1, 2007” and substitute “July 1, 2007”.