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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 246

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Reduction” insert “– Study”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “phosphorus” in line 12 and substitute “requiring the Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland to collaborate on a certain study relating to lawn care products and phosphate loads to the waters of the State, including the Chesapeake Bay; establishing the purpose of the study; requiring the Department and the University of Maryland to convene a group of technical experts to develop certain recommendations; requiring the Department and the University of Maryland to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study of the effect of phosphate loads to the waters of the State”; strike in their entirety lines 13 through 22, inclusive; in line 24, after “That” insert a colon; and strike beginning with “the” in line 24 down through “Agriculture” in line 25.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 25 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland shall collaborate on a study to determine what effects lawn care products have on phosphate loads to the waters of the State, including the Chesapeake Bay, and what steps could be taken to minimize the loads.

(Over)

(b) The purpose of the study is to evaluate what steps should be taken to reduce phosphate loads from lawn care products to the waters of the State, including the Chesapeake Bay.

(c) As part of the study, the Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland shall convene a group of technical experts to develop recommendations to reduce nutrient losses by requiring changes in lawn care product content, form, or application methods.

(d) On or before January 1, 2010, the Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland shall report their findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On page 6, in line 27, after “2008.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 8 months and, at the end of May 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.