

**HB0939/180115/1**

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 939

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, strike “Planning Board” and substitute “Soil Conservation District”; strike beginning with “in” in line 7 down through “District” in line 8 and substitute “subject to certain regulations”; strike beginning with “and” in line 10 down through “District” in line 12; in line 12, after “Board” insert “and the Soil Conservation District”; in line 15, strike “funds” and substitute “revenues”; and in line 16, strike “solicit” and substitute “exercise prudence and due diligence”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 9, strike “**SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD**” and substitute “**REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**”; strike beginning with “**IN**” in line 10 down through “**DISTRICT**” in line 11; strike in their entirety lines 19 through 23, inclusive; in line 24, strike “**(3)**” and substitute “**(2)**”; strike beginning with “**SUBJECT**” in line 28 down through “**BOARD**” in line 30 and substitute “**(A) THE BOARD AND THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**”; and after line 31, insert:

**“(B) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL:**

**(1) PROVIDE FOR A PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS;**

**(2) ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZING APPLICATIONS FOR EASEMENTS TO PURCHASE;**

(Over)

(3) PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF EASEMENTS;

(4) ALLOW THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PROCURE ANY APPRAISALS NECESSARY FOR VALUATION OF EACH EASEMENT; AND

(5) SPECIFY A METHOD FOR APPRAISING AND VALUING EASEMENTS TO ENCOURAGE LANDOWNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND MAXIMIZE THE ACREAGE FOR EASEMENTS TO BE PURCHASED.

(C) THE REGULATIONS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE ADJUDICATION AND APPEAL OF ANY DISPUTED EASEMENT VALUATION BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARD ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED UNDER § 2-511 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 5, strike "THOSE FUNDS" and substitute "REVENUES FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAXES OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL DISTRICT TAXES"; in line 11, after "PURCHASE" insert "USING THE FUND"; and in line 12, strike "SOLICIT" and substitute "EXERCISE PRUDENCE AND DUE DILIGENCE".