

HOUSE BILL 208

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(8lr0346)

ENROLLED BILL

—Environmental Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs—

Introduced by **Delegates Riley, Beitzel, Norman, James, Jennings, McComas, Smigiel, and Sossi**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture - ~~Seed and Nursery Stock for Native Plants - Funding Wild~~**
3 **Pollinators Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing, subject to funding in the State budget, the Maryland
5 ~~Native Plants~~ Wild Pollinators Program for certain purposes; requiring the
6 Department of Agriculture to increase awareness and availability of native
7 ~~plants~~ noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly and provide certain grants
8 under the Program; ~~providing for the termination of this Act; requiring the~~
9 ~~Governor to include a certain appropriation for the Program in the State budget~~
10 ~~for certain fiscal years~~; and generally relating to increasing ~~the availability of~~
11 ~~seed and nursery stock for certain native plants~~ awareness of wild pollinators
12 and availability of noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly.

13 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 Article – Agriculture
 2 Section 2–1301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Maryland ~~Native~~
 3 Plants Wild Pollinators Program”
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2007 Replacement Volume)

6 Preamble

7 WHEREAS, Pollinators are in precipitous decline around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 80% of the world’s crop plants require pollination; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the obstacles to protecting and improving pollinator habitat
 10 is a chronic shortage of ~~native noninvasive~~ plants that are pollinator friendly,
 11 including seed and nursery stock for ~~native plants~~ noninvasive plants that are
 12 pollinator friendly; now, therefore,

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 Article – Agriculture

16 SUBTITLE 13. MARYLAND ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM.

17 2–1301.

18 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND ~~NATIVE~~
 19 ~~PLANTS WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM.~~

20 (B) ~~THERE SUBJECT TO FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET, THERE IS A~~
 21 ~~MARYLAND~~ ~~NATIVE PLANTS WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM WHICH IS~~
 22 ~~ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE~~
 23 ~~AVAILABILITY OF SEED AND NURSERY STOCK FOR NATIVE AWARENESS OF WILD~~
 24 ~~POLLINATORS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF NONINVASIVE PLANTS THAT ARE~~
 25 ~~POLLINATOR FRIENDLY.~~

26 (C) UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

27 (1) INCREASE AWARENESS AMONG NURSERIES AND LAND
 28 MANAGERS OF ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ NONINVASIVE PLANTS THAT ARE POLLINATOR
 29 FRIENDLY; AND

30 (2) PROVIDE GRANTS TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF SEED
 31 AND NURSERY STOCK FOR ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ NONINVASIVE PLANTS THAT ARE
 32 POLLINATOR FRIENDLY.

1 ~~(D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET~~
2 ~~FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2010 AN~~
3 ~~APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.~~

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2008. *It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of*
6 *September 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act*
7 *shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.*

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.