

SENATE BILL 419

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(8lr2438)

ENROLLED BILL

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

Introduced by **Senator Glassman**

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.

President.

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
14 Article - Agriculture

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

5 Preamble

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

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

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

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

14 **Article – Agriculture**

15 **SUBTITLE 13. MARYLAND ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM.**

16 **2–1301.**

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.