

# SENATE BILL 419

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By: **Senator Glassman**

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## 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; ~~requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation~~  
9 ~~for the Program in the State budget for certain fiscal years~~; and generally  
10 relating to increasing ~~the availability of seed and nursery stock for certain~~  
11 ~~native plants~~ awareness of wild pollinators and availability of noninvasive  
12 plants that are pollinator friendly.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Agriculture

15 Section 2–1301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Maryland ~~Native~~  
16 ~~Plants~~ Wild Pollinators Program”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2007 Replacement Volume)

19 Preamble

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

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

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**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.



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

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

7 **Article – Agriculture**

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

9 **2-1301.**

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

12 (B) ~~THERE~~ SUBJECT TO FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET, THERE IS A  
13 MARYLAND ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM WHICH IS  
14 ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING ~~THE~~  
15 ~~AVAILABILITY OF SEED AND NURSERY STOCK FOR NATIVE~~ AWARENESS OF WILD  
16 POLLINATORS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF NONINVASIVE PLANTS THAT ARE  
17 POLLINATOR FRIENDLY.

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

19 (1) INCREASE AWARENESS AMONG NURSERIES AND LAND  
20 MANAGERS OF ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ NONINVASIVE PLANTS THAT ARE POLLINATOR  
21 FRIENDLY; AND

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

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

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