

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 574
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Biennial Cancer Study –” and substitute “Workgroup on Cancer Clusters and”; in line 3, after “Causes” insert “of Cancer”; strike beginning with “Biennial” in line 4 down through “toxins” in line 6 and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Department of the Environment, to convene a certain workgroup to examine certain issues; requiring the workgroup to include certain representatives; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report the findings and any recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date”; in line 7, after “to” insert “cancer clusters and”; in the same line, strike “and the Biennial Cancer Study”; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 17, inclusive; and in line 19, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 1 through line 6 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Department of the Environment, shall convene a workgroup to examine issues relating to the investigation of potential cancer clusters in the State and potential environmental causes of cancer, including:

(1) the process that State agencies use to research and identify cancer clusters in the State;

(Over)

(2) communication between State agencies and between State and federal agencies regarding research about and the identification of cancer clusters and potential environmental causes of cancer;

(3) research being conducted by the academic medical institutions in the State on potential cancer clusters and how findings from this research are communicated to the appropriate State and federal agencies; and

(4) whether additional information regarding potential cancer clusters and potential environmental causes of cancer should be provided in annual reports to the public.

(b) (1) The workgroup required under this section shall include representatives of academic medical institutions in the State, advocates for cancer patients, legislators, scientists, and environmentalists.

(2) In selecting members of the workgroup, the Department shall include representatives from both urban and rural areas of the State.

(3) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall invite representatives of federal agencies to participate in the workgroup.

(c) On or before December 1, 2011, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report the findings of the workgroup required under this section and any recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On page 4, in line 8, strike “October” and substitute “July”.