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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 460

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2, 5, 21, and 25, in each instance, strike “Office of the”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 6 down through “manner;” in line 7; in line 16, strike “under certain circumstances” and substitute “on request of the individual”; strike beginning with “in” in line 17 down through “Agriculture” in line 19; in line 20, after “manner;” insert “providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act to complaints initiated or investigated by the Natural Resources Police Force;”; and in line 21, after “terms;” insert “stating the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the construction of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 4 and 19, in each instance, strike “**OFFICE OF THE**”; in line 19, strike “**(A)**”; in line 20, after “**OMBUDSMAN**” insert “**IN THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS OMBUDSMAN ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-1B-02 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE**”; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 23, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 15, after “**(A)**” insert “**THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO COMPLAINTS INITIATED OR INVESTIGATED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE.**”

(B) ”;

in line 16, after “**(1)**” insert “**(I)**”; in line 17, after “**VIOLATIONS;**” insert “**AND**”

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(II) NOTIFY THE COMPLAINANT THAT ANY COMPLAINT THAT DOES NOT IDENTIFY A SUSPECTED ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES VIOLATION, AS DEFINED IN § 6-501 OF THIS SUBTITLE, WILL NOT BE REFERRED TO A STATE OR LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;;

in line 18, after “EACH” insert “VALID”; and in line 27, strike “MONTHLY” and substitute “QUARTERLY”.

On page 4, in line 13, strike “WEEKLY” and substitute “MONTHLY”; in line 21, after “VIOLATION;” insert “AND”; strike in their entirety lines 25 and 26; and in line 27, after “(6)” insert “ON REQUEST,”.

On pages 4 and 5, strike beginning with “IF” in line 28 on page 4 down through “COMPLAINT” in line 1 on page 5.

On page 5, in line 2, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; strike beginning with “AND” in line 2 down through “AGRICULTURE” in line 4; in line 30, after “INSPECTOR” insert “ON WHETHER:”

A. THE SITE IS IN COMPLIANCE; AND

B. ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS NECESSARY;

and in lines 9 and 10 and 24, in each instance, strike “, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON” and substitute “THAT INCLUDES ONLY”.

On page 6, in line 6, after “(III)” insert “AN ELECTRONIC LINK TO A DIGITAL COPY OF EACH INSPECTION SPECIFIED UNDER ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;”

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in lines 11 and 29, in each instance, strike “, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON” and substitute “THAT INCLUDES ONLY”; and in line 25, strike “(IV)” and substitute “(V)”.

On page 7, in lines 11 and 23, strike “(V)” and “(VI)”, respectively, and substitute “(VI)” and “(VII)”, respectively; and in line 28, strike “3” and substitute “5”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, after line 2, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) this Act enhance efficiency and reduce the burden on State agencies by taking advantage of modern technology, maximizing interagency coordination and collaboration, minimizing redundancy in agency activities, reducing the amount of agency staff time needed to respond to and complete Public Information Act requests, properly vetting and routing public complaints about suspected environmental and natural resources violations, and marshalling nongovernmental resources through the facilitation and enablement of public participation; and

(2) government agencies responsible for implementing this Act rely on, to the maximum extent practicable, existing budgeted resources to implement this Act, including by realizing the efficiencies gained under this Act, reallocating newly available resources, and relying on technology to undertake tasks that are currently processed manually.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require any unit of State government to undertake additional data collection, publish any confidential information not already subject to disclosure under State law, or perform any additional redaction of information to implement this Act.”;

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and in line 3, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.