

# HOUSE BILL 90

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By: ~~Delegate Foley~~ **Delegates Foley, Boyce, Guyton, Lehman, Love, Ruth, Stewart,  
and Terrasa**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government – Regulatory Powers – ~~Control of Running~~ Regulation of**  
3 **Invasive Bamboo**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to  
5 adopt ordinances ~~relating to the upkeep and containment of running~~ to regulate  
6 invasive bamboo; and generally relating to the ~~control of running~~ regulation of  
7 invasive bamboo.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Local Government

10 Section ~~13-412~~ 1-1318

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Local Government**

16 ~~13-412. 1-1318.~~

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “~~RUNNING~~ INVASIVE BAMBOO” MEANS BAMBOO THAT  
18 IS CHARACTERIZED BY AGGRESSIVE SPREADING BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING BAMBOO

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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 SPECIES IN THE GENUS PHYLLOSTACHYS.

2 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.

3 (C) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, BY ORDINANCE,  
 4 MAY ~~PROHIBIT~~ REGULATE INVASIVE BAMBOO, INCLUDING BY PROHIBITING A  
 5 PERSON FROM ~~ALLOWING RUNNING BAMBOO:~~

6 (1) SELLING INVASIVE BAMBOO;

7 (2) PLANTING INVASIVE BAMBOO; AND

8 (3) ALLOWING INVASIVE BAMBOO TO GROW ON THE PROPERTY OF  
 9 THE PERSON WITHOUT PROPER UPKEEP AND APPROPRIATE CONTAINMENT  
 10 MEASURES, INCLUDING BARRIERS OR TRENCHES; ~~OR,~~

11 ~~(2) TO SPREAD FROM THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON TO:~~

12 ~~(I) THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON; OR~~

13 ~~(II) A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.~~

14 ~~(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE~~  
 15 ~~GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF AN~~  
 16 ~~ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION BY:~~

17 ~~(I) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A CIVIL FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$50;~~  
 18 ~~AND~~

19 ~~(II) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OCCURRING~~  
 20 ~~WITHIN A 12 MONTH PERIOD THAT DOES NOT ARISE FROM THE SAME OPERATIVE~~  
 21 ~~SET OF FACTS AS THE PREVIOUS VIOLATION, A CIVIL FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.~~

22 ~~(2) EACH BUSINESS DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A~~  
 23 ~~SEPARATE OFFENSE.~~

24 ~~(3) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL FINES IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS~~  
 25 ~~ARISING FROM THE SAME OPERATIVE SET OF FACTS MAY NOT EXCEED \$3,000 IN A~~  
 26 ~~12 MONTH PERIOD.~~

27 (D) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY PROVIDE  
 28 FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION BY:

1                   **(1) REQUIRING ANY DAMAGES CAUSED BY INVASIVE BAMBOO TO BE**  
2 **MITIGATED; AND**

3                   **(2) ESTABLISHING A CIVIL FINE.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5   October 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.