

HB1511/933321/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1511
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “establishing a” and substitute “altering the”; in line 11, strike “solarvoltaic facilities and”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 19.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 10; in line 13, after “Section” insert “5-1601(gg)”; in the same line, after “(c)(1)” insert a comma; after line 15, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 5-1607(c)(3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”;

after line 21, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 645 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021

Section 11”;

and strike beginning with “That” in line 23 down through “ENACTED,” in line 27.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with line 31 on page 2 down through line 3 on page 3 and substitute:

“(gg) “Qualified conservation” means the conservation of all or a part of an existing forest that:

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(1) [Was] HAS BEEN approved [on or before December 31, 2020,] by the appropriate State or local forest conservation program for the purpose of establishing a forest mitigation bank; and

(2) Is encumbered in perpetuity by a restrictive easement, covenant, or another similar mechanism recorded in the county land records to conserve its character as a forest.”.

On page 5, in line 23, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “2025”.

On page 6, in line 22, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “2025”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, after line 29, insert:

“Chapter 645 of the Acts of 2021

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 10 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. [Sections 1, 2, and] SECTION 7 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2024, [Sections 1, 2, and] SECTION 7 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. Subject to Section 10 of this Act, Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 10 years and 1 month, and, at the end of June 30, 2031, Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. Section 6 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2023, Section 6 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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On page 6, in line 30, strike "3." and substitute "2."; in line 31, strike "July" and substitute "June".