

HB1511/573821/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1511
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the first “of” insert “establishing a definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; altering rules for the use of qualified conservation to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements;”; after line 8, insert:

“BY renumbering

Article - Natural Resources

Section 5–1601(gg) through (pp)

to be Section 5–1601(hh) through (qq), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-1601(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-1601(gg)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”;

after line 14, insert:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5–1601(gg) through (pp) of Article – Natural Resources of

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the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5–1601(hh) through (qq), respectively.”;

and in line 15, strike “1.” and substitute “2.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

“Article – Natural Resources

5–1601.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(GG) “QUALIFIED CONSERVATION” MEANS THE CONSERVATION OF ALL OR A PART OF AN EXISTING FOREST THAT:

(1) HAS BEEN APPROVED 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 3, in line 24, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in the same line, strike “June” and substitute “July”.