

**SB0266/363728/1**

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 266  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Tree of Heaven**” and substitute “**Invasive Trees**”; in lines 4 and 6, in each instance, strike “trees” and substitute “tree”; in lines 4 and 6, in each instance, after “heaven” insert “and certain invasive trees”; in line 5, strike “a bounty program” and substitute “certain programs”; in line 13, after “plants” insert “, pathogens,”; in line 15, strike “growth” and substitute “spread”; and in line 22, after “statewide;” insert “and”

WHEREAS, The trees on the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Maryland Invasive Plant List have been determined to be invasive, nonnative trees that cause harm to human health, environmental harm, or economic harm;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 5, after “means” insert “**NONNATIVE**”; after line 6, insert:

**“(3) “LISTED INVASIVE TREE” MEANS ANY TREE ON THE “MARYLAND INVASIVE PLANTS LIST” POSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

**“(4) “NATIVE TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM WHEREBY A PERSON RECEIVES A NATIVE TREE IN EXCHANGE FOR REMOVING AND ERADICATING AN INVASIVE TREE.”;**

in line 7, strike “(3)” and substitute “(5)”; in lines 12, 13, and 14, in each instance, after “bamboo” insert “, LISTED INVASIVE TREES,”; in line 21, after “HEAVEN” insert “**OR OTHER LISTED INVASIVE TREES**”; in line 24, after “BOUNTY” insert “**OR NATIVE TREE REPLACEMENT**”; in the same line, after “REMOVAL” insert “**AND**”

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ERADICATION"; and in the same line, after "HEAVEN" insert "AND OTHER LISTED  
INVASIVE TREES.

**(F) A BOUNTY OR NATIVE TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED  
BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL REQUIRE:**

**(1) AN INVASIVE TREE TO BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED CONSISTENT  
WITH THE SPECIES PAGE PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
AGRICULTURE EXTENSION; AND**

**(2) THE INVASIVE SPECIES, AFTER BEING PROPERLY IDENTIFIED,  
TO BE REMOVED OR ERADICATED ACCORDING TO PROFESSIONALLY ACCEPTED  
METHODS OR CONSISTENT WITH METHODOLOGY ON THE SPECIES PAGE  
PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURE EXTENSION".**