

# SENATE BILL 164

M1

(6lr0133)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Environment and Transportation* —

Introduced by **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proofreader.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proofreader.

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President.

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program**  
3 **– Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the stated purpose of the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous  
5 Maryland Program to include ~~the advancement of forest health and resilience~~  
6 ~~through~~ the promotion of community participation in tree planting and stewardship  
7 and the planting and maintenance of native trees and shrubs through community  
8 forestry activities; and generally relating to the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous  
9 Maryland Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 5–435  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland

---

### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

5–435.

(a) There is a Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program in the Department.

(b) The Program is established for the purpose of ~~ADVANCING FOREST HEALTH AND RESILIENCE BY PROMOTING, planting, AND MAINTAINING~~ PROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE TREE PLANTING AND STEWARDSHIP AND THE PLANTING AND MAINTAINING OF native trees and shrubs THROUGH COMMUNITY FORESTRY ACTIVITIES on public lands, community open spaces, school grounds, and rights–of–way.

(c) The Department shall administer the Program.

(d) The Department may adopt regulations to carry out this part.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House of Delegates.