

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 27, strike “and”; in line 28, after “Fund” insert “, and a certain marketing and rural assistance program in the Maryland Department of Agriculture”; in line 34, after “time;” insert “requiring the Department of Agriculture to review certain programs and certain technology infrastructure in the Department and submit a certain report regarding additional funding needs to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture to jointly review the status of a certain loan program and submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; encouraging the Governor to provide additional funds, to the extent available, to the Department of the Environment for a certain fiscal year to be used for a certain loan program;”.

On page 3, strike line 31 in its entirety and substitute:

“(2006 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 17, strike “IN” and substitute “FOR”; in the same line, strike “\$2,000,000” and substitute “\$3,000,000”; in line 18, strike “IN” and substitute “FOR”; in the same line, strike “\$3,000,000;” and substitute “\$3,500,000; AND”; in line 19, strike “IN” and substitute “FOR EACH OF”; in the same line, strike “YEAR” and substitute “YEARS”; in the same line, after “2010” insert “THROUGH 2020”; strike beginning with “: AND” in line 19 down through “\$5,000,000” in line 21; and in line 30, after “RURAL” insert “LAND”.

On page 7, in line 16, strike “applicable” and substitute “Applicable”; in line 17, strike “planned” and substitute “Planned”; in line 18, strike “subdivision” and substitute “Subdivision”; and in line 19, strike “other” and substitute “Other”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 10, in line 1, strike “at” and substitute “AT”; in line 29, after “TO” insert “:

1.”;

and in line 30, after “PROGRAMS” insert “; OR

2. THE NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 11, in line 32, after “(c)” insert “(1)”; and strike beginning with “THE” in line 34 down through “LEGISLATIVE” in line 35.

On page 12, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

“(2) THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 24 SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:”;

in lines 3, 4, 5, and 6, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, and “(IV)”, respectively; in lines 3, 4, 5, and 6, in each instance, strike “IN” and substitute “FOR”; in line 3, strike “\$1,000,000” and substitute “\$8,800,000”; in line 4, strike “\$1,500,000” and substitute “\$9,200,000”; in line 5, strike “\$2,000,000” and substitute “\$9,600,000”; and in line 7, strike “\$2,500,000” and substitute “\$10,000,000”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 16, in line 32, strike “OR”; and in line 34, after “FOUNDATION” insert “; OR

(V) FOR THE NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE FOUNDATION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 22, after line 13, insert:

“SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Agriculture:

(a) shall review the condition of the Department’s agricultural marketing program and information technology infrastructure; and

(b) on or before September 29, 2006, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the level of additional funding that may be needed in order to meet existing and future needs for the marketing program and information technology, as well as potential resources needed to take full advantage of federal funding opportunities for agricultural industry support.

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That to the extent funds are available, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide a general fund appropriation for fiscal year 2008 that equals or exceeds the general fund appropriation provided for fiscal year 2007 for each of the agricultural marketing and rural assistance programs of a nonregulatory nature in Unit 12 of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture jointly:

(1) shall review the status of the linked deposit low interest loan program for agricultural conservation and water quality improvement; and

(2) on or before September 29, 2006, shall submit a report to the Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the level of additional funding that may be needed in order to meet existing and future needs of the loan program.

(b) The General Assembly encourages the Governor to provide additional funds, to the extent available, to the Department of the Environment for fiscal year 2008 to be used to augment the resources that are available to the linked deposit low interest loan program for agricultural conservation and water quality improvement.”;

and in line 14, strike “13.” and substitute “16.”.