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BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 476
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative”; and strike beginning with “altering” in line 4 down through “management” in line 18 and substitute “establishing a Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; authorizing the Task Force to establish certain subcommittees; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding certain issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding the recommendations by a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain reimbursements; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 6, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 7 on page 2 through line 19 on page 8, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative.

(Over)

- (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:
- (1) One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (4) The Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (5) The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (6) The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (7) The Administrator of the Maryland State Highway Administration, or the Administrator's designee; and
 - (8) The following members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Delegates:
 - (i) One representative from the Maryland Municipal League;
 - (ii) One representative from the Maryland Association of Counties;
 - (iii) Three representatives from an environmental nonprofit organization based in Maryland;

(iv) One representative from the University of Maryland's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department;

(v) Two representatives of a local land developer or construction company;

(vi) Two representatives from the State Soil Conservation Committee or soil conservation districts;

(vii) One representative from the Chesapeake Bay Program's scientific and technical advisory committee;

(viii) Three representatives from different counties or municipalities who are from local agencies that oversee environmental resources, watershed protection, erosion and sediment control, or stormwater management programs; and

(ix) One representative from the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as it determines necessary to fulfill its duties.

(e) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(Over)

(g) The Task Force shall:

(1) Evaluate and make recommendations to improve the State's erosion and sediment control and stormwater management regulations and programs, including:

(i) Considering standards based on historical weather trends, current best management practices, and methods for reducing nutrient pollution levels that harm the Chesapeake Bay;

(ii) Evaluating the effectiveness of current statutes and regulations as well as local ordinances that address stormwater management and sediment control and making recommendations for changes as necessary to adopt statewide standards;

(iii) Studying and recommending innovative approaches that help minimize the release of pollutants and would assist the local jurisdiction in meeting statewide stormwater management standards;

(iv) Determining best statewide practices for stormwater management and sediment control to increase the viability of restoration efforts of the native Maryland oyster and other Chesapeake Bay native species, as well as to ensure the health of the Bay for future generations of Maryland citizens;

(v) Developing methods to encourage, educate, and assist local governments in using environmentally sensitive design measures and low impact development techniques and developing more stringent standards than the statewide standards; and

(vi) Evaluate and make recommendations regarding improving local stormwater practices, including:

1. Determining ways to improve maintenance and oversight of stormwater ponds;
2. Evaluating the effectiveness of current practices that local entities, such as homeowners associations, do to maintain stormwater management ponds;
3. Studying and recommending innovative approaches that help minimize the release of pollutants and assist a local jurisdiction in meeting stormwater management requirements;
4. Evaluating statewide and local stormwater practices to determine if the roles and responsibilities of different agencies regarding stormwater management are an efficient use of the agency's resources and an effective method for overall stormwater management; and
5. Developing methods and strategies to encourage, educate, and assist local governments and developers in using environmentally sensitive design measures and low impact development techniques; and

(2) On or before July 1, 2008, submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.”.

On page 8, in line 21, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.