

SENATE BILL 431

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By: **Senators Pinsky, Raskin, Brochin, Conway, Dyson, Frosh, Garagiola, Madaleno, and Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2008

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Forest Conservation Act – No Net Loss of Forest**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources, on or before a
4 certain date, to conduct a certain assessment, develop certain draft legislation,
5 and submit the draft legislation to the Governor and General Assembly; and
6 generally relating to the Forest Conservation Act.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 5–1614

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 **5–1614.**

16 **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2008, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

17 **(1) CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THIS**
18 **SUBTITLE;**

19 **(2) DEVELOP DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE**
20 **SESSION TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A PROCESS TO ACHIEVE A NO NET LOSS OF**
21 **FOREST IN THE STATE BEGINNING IN 2010; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) SUBMIT THE DRAFT LEGISLATION DEVELOPED IN**
2 **ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE GOVERNOR**
3 **AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE**
4 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2008.