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BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1291

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “reducing” in line 3 down through “applies;” in line 4; strike beginning with “repealing” in line 6 down through “right-of-way;” in line 8; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 21 down through “Assembly” in line 24 and substitute “requiring the Department of Natural Resources to cooperate with certain groups to develop a certain definition and policy; requiring the Department to submit a certain report on or before a certain date”.

On page 2, in line 4, strike “(f), and (g), 5-1604(a),”; and in line 10, after “Section” insert “5-1603(f) and (g), 5-1604(a),”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 17 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH FORESTRY RELATED STAKEHOLDER GROUPS TO:

(1) DETERMINE THE MEANING OF NO NET LOSS OF FOREST FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANY STATE POLICY; AND

(2) DEVELOP PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF A POLICY OF NO NET LOSS OF FOREST IN THE STATE.

(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2011, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FORESTRY-RELATED STAKEHOLDER GROUPS, SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

(Over)

COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATUTORY, BUDGETARY, AND REGULATORY POLICIES TO ACHIEVE NO NET LOSS OF FOREST IN THE STATE.;

in line 26, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “20,000”.

On page 3, in lines 8 and 16, in each instance, strike the bracket; in lines 23, 26, 30, and 32, in each instance, strike the brackets; and in the same lines, strike “(6)”, “(7)”, “(8)”, and “(9)”, respectively.

On page 4, in lines 21 and 27, in each instance, strike the bracket; and in line 37, strike the brackets.

On page 5, in line 1, strike “20,000”; in the same line, strike “OR GREATER”; in line 22, after “(c)” insert “(1)”; in line 25, after “authority” insert a comma; in lines 25 and 26, in each instance, strike the bracket; strike beginning with “THE” in line 26 down through “SUBTITLE” in line 27; in lines 28 and 31, strike “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively; in line 30, after “habitats;” insert “AND”; in line 32, strike “site;” and substitute “SITE.”

(2) THE FOLLOWING TREES, SHRUBS, PLANTS, AND SPECIFIC AREAS SHALL BE CONSIDERED PRIORITY FOR RETENTION AND PROTECTION, AND THEY SHALL BE LEFT IN AN UNDISTURBED CONDITION UNLESS THE APPLICANT HAS DEMONSTRATED, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE STATE OR LOCAL AUTHORITY, THAT THE APPLICANT QUALIFIES FOR A VARIANCE UNDER § 5-1611 OF THIS SUBTITLE.;

and in lines 33 and 35, strike “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively.

On page 6, in lines 1, 2, and 3, strike “(5)”, “(i)”, and “(ii)”, respectively, and substitute “**(III)**”, “**1.**”, and “**2.**”, respectively.

On page 9, strike beginning with “AND” in line 19 down through “4.” in line 31.