

HB0035/413224/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 35
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Foley**” and substitute “**Delegates Foley, Allen, Behler, Boyce, Guyton, Healey, J. Long, Lewis, Odom, Stein, and Ziegler**”; in line 2, strike “**Tree of Heaven**” and substitute “**Invasive Trees**”; in lines 4 and 6, in each instance, strike “trees” and substitute “tree”; in lines 4 and 6, in each instance, after “heaven” insert “and certain invasive trees”; in line 5, strike “a bounty program” and substitute “certain programs”; in line 13, after “plants” insert “, pathogens,”; in line 15, strike “growth” and substitute “spread”; and in line 22, after “statewide;” insert “and”

WHEREAS, The trees on the Department of Agriculture’s Maryland Prohibited Invasive Plant List have been determined to be invasive, nonnative trees that cause harm to human health, environmental harm, or economic harm;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 7, after “means” insert “**NONNATIVE**”; after line 8, insert:

“(3) “LISTED INVASIVE TREE” MEANS ANY TREE ON THE “MARYLAND PROHIBITED INVASIVE PLANT LIST” POSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

“(4) “NATIVE TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM WHEREBY A PERSON RECEIVES A NATIVE TREE IN EXCHANGE FOR REMOVING AND ERADICATING AN INVASIVE TREE.”;

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in line 9, strike “(3)” and substitute “(5)”; in lines 13, 14, 15, and 22, in each instance, after “bamboo” insert “, LISTED INVASIVE TREES,”; in line 18, after “HEAVEN” insert “OR OTHER LISTED INVASIVE TREES”; in line 26, after “BOUNTY” insert “OR NATIVE TREE REPLACEMENT”; in the same line, after “REMOVAL” insert “AND ERADICATION”; and in the same line, after “HEAVEN” insert “AND OTHER LISTED INVASIVE TREES.”

(F) A BOUNTY OR NATIVE TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL REQUIRE:

(1) AN INVASIVE TREE TO BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED CONSISTENT WITH THE SPECIES PAGE PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURE EXTENSION; AND

(2) THE INVASIVE SPECIES, AFTER BEING PROPERLY IDENTIFIED, TO BE REMOVED OR ERADICATED ACCORDING TO PROFESSIONALLY ACCEPTED METHODS OR CONSISTENT WITH METHODOLOGY ON THE SPECIES PAGE PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURE EXTENSION”.