

CHAPTER 343

(Senate Bill 731)

AN ACT concerning

Pine Tree Reforestation

FOR the purpose of requiring certain trees to be reserved or reforested upon completion of certain commercial cutting operations; requiring the ~~submission of certain pine tree reservation or~~ reservation of pine trees or the submission of reforestation plans to the Department of Natural Resources; authorizing the Department to administer the subtitle including approval of ~~pine tree reservation or~~ reforestation plans; providing for enforcement through injunctive relief; defining certain terms; ~~establishing certain penalties;~~ and generally relating to pine tree reforestation.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Sections 5-501 through 5-509 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Pine Tree Reforestation"

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 5-501 through 5-509 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Pine Tree Reforestation" be and they are hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

SUBTITLE 5. PINE TREE REFORESTATION

5-501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CUTTING OPERATION" MEANS THE CUTTING OF TIMBER FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES FROM ~~ONE-ACRE~~ FIVE ACRES OR MORE OF LAND ON WHICH LOBLOLLY PINE (PINUS TAEDA), SHORTLEAF PINE (PINUS ECHINATA), OR PCND PINE (PINUS SEROTINA), SINGLY OR TOGETHER OCCUR AND CONSTITUTE ~~40~~ 25 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE LIVE TREES ON EACH ACRE.

(C) "DIAMETER" MEANS THE DISTANCE THROUGH THE TREE AT THE POINT OF AVERAGE THICKNESS AS MEASURED FROM OUTSIDE THE BARK TO OUTSIDE OF BARK AT A POINT ON THE