

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 736

(House Bill 1523)

AN ACT concerning

Forestry - Renewal

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a long term forest resource plan, authorizing the Department and local governments to administer an urban and community forestry program; defining certain terms~~ granting the Department of Natural Resources the discretion to accept federal funds and provide cost share funds to cooperating governments; and generally relating to forest resources.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section ~~5-214; and 5-424, 5-425, and 5-426 to be under new "Part IV. Urban and Community Forestry"~~

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

5-214.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR LONG-RANGE RENEWABLE FOREST RESOURCES PLANNING. THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FOREST LAND RESOURCES OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WOOD FIBER, FOREST RECREATION, WILDLIFE, FISH, FOREST WATERSHED, AND WILDERNESS POTENTIAL, SHALL BE EXAMINED AND INVENTORIED PERIODICALLY. AS PART OF THE FOREST RESOURCE PLANNING PROCESS, THE DEPARTMENT PERIODICALLY SHALL DEVELOP, REVIEW AND REVISE A RESOURCE PLAN THAT SHOULD HELP TO PROVIDE FOR A SUSTAINED YIELD OF FOREST RESOURCE BENEFITS FOR THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND. THE FOREST RESOURCE PLAN SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND COMMENT.