

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 8-609

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

9-501.

The General Assembly finds that the growth of the tall, [reed like] REED-LIKE grass Phragmites communis, commonly known as phragmites, may be a public and common nuisance on land and wetlands used for wildlife habitat areas.

9-503.

(A) The Department shall study the feasibility of establishing a cost sharing program in the Department to assist landowners in paying for the cost of the management and control of the spread of phragmites. [The Department shall report to the General Assembly on the feasibility study by December, 1989.]

(B) ~~THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION~~ SHALL STUDY AND ANALYZE THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE SPREAD OF PHRAGMITES ON:

(1) LANDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OWNS OR CONTROLS; AND

(2) ANY REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ASSISTS LANDOWNERS WITH THE CONTROL OF PHRAGMITES.

(C) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 1994, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, SHALL PREPARE AN INVENTORY OF PHRAGMITES IN THE STATE.

~~(D)~~ BY DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, 1994, AND ON REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEES THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL SUBMIT REPORTS A REPORT UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION TO:

(1) THE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND; AND

(2) THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND.