

replace trees that were destroyed under a certain quarantine with certain exceptions; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations to implement this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the replacement of trees in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Natural Resources  
Section 5-103(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

**Article - Natural Resources**

5-103.

- (e) (1) In this subsection, "Fund" means the Reforestation Fund.
- (2) There is a Reforestation Fund in the Department.
- (3) The purpose of the Fund is to finance the planting of trees on:

(I) State or other publicly owned lands located in the county and watershed in which construction projects giving rise to Fund contributions are located; AND

(II) PRIVATE PROPERTY ON WHICH TREES WERE DESTROYED BY A TREATMENT TO DESTROY PLANT PESTS THAT WAS APPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- (4) The Department shall administer the Fund.

(5) (i) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(ii) The Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

(6) The Fund consists of any money received from contributions by a constructing agency under subsection (d) of this section.

(7) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Fund may be used only to: