

President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 573 - *Natural Resources - Forest Conservation - Net Tract Area*.

This bill alters the definition of "net tract area" for forest conservation requirements and forest mitigation bank credits to include specified forested areas of specified tracts of land partially within 100-year floodplains or wetlands under specified circumstances.

House Bill 588, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 573.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 573

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Forest Conservation - Net Tract Area

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "net tract area" for forest conservation requirements and forest mitigation bank credits to include certain forested areas of certain tracts of land partially within 100-year floodplains or wetlands under certain circumstances; ~~including in the definition of "net tract area" a nontidal wetland, stream buffer, and the forested area of a 100-year floodplain or wetland under certain circumstances;~~ providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the forest conservation program.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 5-1601(z) and (aa)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)~~

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