

(d) "Farm vehicle" means a vehicle that:

(1) Is owned by a farmer;

(2) Is used only in the farmer's farming business and about the farmer's farm home and in hauling farm products and the labor, supplies, equipment, and other materials necessary for the operation of the farm and farm home; and

(3) Is not used to haul farm products previously acquired by the farmer for resale or to haul farm products for hire for another person who is not a farmer.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 487

(House Bill 535)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Phragmites - ~~Biennial~~ Reports

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to determine the spread of phragmites on a per-acre basis and to prepare ~~biennial~~ reports on the extent of infestation; *providing for a certain time to submit the first and subsequent reports*; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the management and control of phragmites in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-2101 and 8-2103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-2101.

The General Assembly finds that the growth of the tall, 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. THEREFORE, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THIS SUBTITLE REQUIRE THAT STATEWIDE STUDIES OF PHRAGMITES BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO DETERMINE ITS SPREAD AND DETERMINE ANY PROGRESS MADE IN CURRENT MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL PROGRAMS.