

**Agriculture – ~~Seed and Nursery Stock for Native Plants~~ Funding Wild
Pollinators Program**

FOR the purpose of establishing, subject to funding in the State budget, the Maryland ~~Native Plants~~ Wild Pollinators Program for certain purposes; requiring the Department of Agriculture to increase awareness and availability of ~~native plants~~ noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly and provide certain grants under the Program; ~~providing for the termination of this Act; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation for the Program in the State budget for certain fiscal years;~~ and generally relating to increasing ~~the availability of seed and nursery stock for certain native plants~~ awareness of wild pollinators and availability of noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 2-1301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Maryland ~~Native Plants~~ Wild Pollinators Program”

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Preamble

WHEREAS, Pollinators are in precipitous decline around the world; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 80% of the world’s crop plants require pollination; and

WHEREAS, One of the obstacles to protecting and improving pollinator habitat is a chronic shortage of ~~native~~ noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly, including seed and nursery stock for ~~native plants~~ noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly; now, therefore,

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

Article – Agriculture

SUBTITLE 13. MARYLAND ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM.

2-1301.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM.

(B) ~~THERE~~ SUBJECT TO FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET, THERE IS A MARYLAND ~~NATIVE PLANTS~~ WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM WHICH IS