

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 932
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “**Elfreth,**” insert “**Gallion,**”; in line 2, strike “**Best in Show**” and substitute “**Priority Environmental Stewardship**”; in lines 3, 9, and 16, in each instance, strike “Best in Show” and substitute “Priority Environmental Stewardship”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 7 down through “manner;” in line 8; and in line 9, after “Department” insert “of Agriculture”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 19, strike “**BEST IN SHOW**” and substitute “**PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**”.

On page 3, strike beginning with “**BEST**” in line 9 down through “**SHOW**” in line 10 and substitute “**PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**”; in line 16, strike “**BEST IN SHOW**” and substitute “**PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**”; in line 20, strike “**COORDINATED FUNDING**” and substitute “**ADOPTION**”; and in line 21, after “**MULTIPLE**” insert “**HIGH-PRIORITY AGRICULTURAL**”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “**TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM**” and substitute “**SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY**”; strike beginning with the first comma in line 5 down through “**APPLICATIONS**” in line 6 and substitute “**A LIST OF HIGH-PRIORITY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, INCLUDING:**”

(I) NATURAL FILTERS;

(II) VEGETATED ENVIRONMENTAL BUFFERS;

(III) WILDLIFE AND POLLINATOR HABITATS;

(IV) SHALLOW WATER AND AQUATIC ORGANISM HABITATS;

(V) AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSITION PRACTICES; AND

(VI) AGRICULTURAL DITCH MANAGEMENT PRACTICES”;

strike beginning with “EVALUATE” in line 7 down through “ANNUALLY” in line 8 and substitute “DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING APPLICATIONS INCLUDING CONSIDERATIONS OF:

(I) PROXIMITY TO WATERS OF THE STATE;

(II) KNOWN ENVIRONMENTAL OR HYDROLOGIC INFORMATION, INCLUDING GROUNDWATER TRANSPORT RATES, POLLUTANT ATTENUATION, POLLUTANT DELIVERY RATIOS, AND SOIL TYPES;

(III) POTENTIALLY REDUCING THE POLLUTION OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE SUFFICIENT ENOUGH TO REACH AN ECOLOGICAL TIPPING POINT;

(IV) THE LOCATION WITHIN THE BUFFER OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA OR OTHER AREA DESIGNATED FOR REGULATION OR SPECIAL PROTECTION UNDER A FEDERAL OR STATE LAW; AND

(V) OVERBURDENED AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES”;

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strike beginning with “ADMINISTER” in line 9 down through “PRACTICES” in line 11 and substitute “DEVELOP A PAYMENT SCHEDULE”; strike beginning with “COORDINATE” in line 12 down through “OUTCOMES” in line 16 and substitute “DEVELOP A MAP, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THAT PRIORITIZES AREAS OF THE STATE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PROGRAM IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE BASINS, IMPAIRMENT STATUS UNDER SECTION 303(D) OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, AND SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED WATERSHEDS”; in lines 17 and 19, in each instance, strike “BEST IN SHOW” and substitute “PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP”; and in line 19, after “ACCOUNT” insert “, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2030,”.

On page 5, in line 1, strike “ANY FUNDS” and substitute “NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000”; in line 14, strike “FIVE” and substitute “THREE”; and in line 16, strike “PARAGRAPH (4)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION” and substitute “SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION”.

Strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 5 through line 6 on page 8, inclusive.