

SB0158/743720/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 158
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Pesticide Registration**” and substitute “**Pesticides**”; in the same line, strike “**Requirements**” and substitute “**Study**”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “State” in line 9 and substitute “requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with certain State and federal agencies, to study the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in pesticides in the State; requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the use of PFAS in pesticides in the State”; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 19, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 21, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 1 through line 17 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, shall study the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in pesticides in the State.

(b) The study shall include:

(1) an analysis of the health and environmental impacts of PFAS in pesticides in the State;

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(2) the identification of testing methods capable of testing for PFAS in pesticides;

(3) an examination of characteristics that distinguish testing methods for PFAS that are validated for drinking water from testing methods that are validated for pesticides;

(4) a status update on federal efforts to certify a method for testing for PFAS in pesticides; and

(5) a status update on state and federal efforts to regulate or ban the use of pesticides containing PFAS.

(c) On or before November 1, 2023, the Department of Agriculture shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.”.

On page 3, in line 19, strike “October” and substitute “June”.