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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 506

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Woorman” and substitute “Woorman, Behler, Boyce, Guyton, Healey, Lehman, R. Lewis, Ruth, Terrasa, and Ziegler”.

On page 2, in line 7, strike “and 8-706”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 17, after “(D)” insert “(1) “FIXED NATURAL BUFFER” MEANS A STRIP OF MAINTAINED, NATIVE VEGETATION ALONGSIDE A BODY OF WATER.”

(2) “FIXED NATURAL BUFFER” INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING FIXED NATURAL FILTER PRACTICES:

(I) THE PLANTING OF RIPARIAN FOREST BUFFERS;

(II) THE PLANTING OF RIPARIAN HERBACEOUS COVER;

(III) TREE PLANTINGS THAT ARE ON AGRICULTURAL LAND;

AND

(IV) WETLAND RESTORATION.

(3) “FIXED NATURAL BUFFER” DOES NOT INCLUDE PASTURE MANAGEMENT, AS DESCRIBED UNDER § 8-701(D)(5) OF THIS ARTICLE.

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**(E) “100–FOOT TIDAL BUFFER” MEANS ANY LAND WITHIN 100 FEET OF:**

**(1) THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF TIDAL WATERS;**

**(2) THE EDGE OF EACH BANK OF A TRIBUTARY TIDAL STREAM; OR**

**(3) THE LANDWARD BOUNDARY OF A TIDAL WETLAND.**

**(F)**”.

On page 5, in line 3, after “(VIII)” insert “**PARTNERING WITH OPERATORS TO IMPROVE CONSERVATION PRACTICES ON LEASED LAND;**

**(IX)**”;

in lines 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 14, strike “(IX)”, “(X)”, “(XI)”, “(XII)”, “(XIII)”, and “(XIV)”, respectively, and substitute “(X)”, “(XI)”, “(XII)”, “(XIII)”, “(XIV)”, and “(XV)”, respectively; in line 13, strike the second “AND”; and in line 16, after “RESEARCH;” insert “**OR**

**(XVI) INSTALLATION OF A FIXED NATURAL BUFFER, INCLUDING WITHIN A 100–FOOT TIDAL BUFFER.**”.

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 15 through 20, inclusive, and substitute:

**“(E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$900,000 TO THE FUND.”**.

On pages 6 and 7, strike beginning with line 28 on page 6 through line 17 on page 7.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

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On page 10, after line 11, insert:

**“(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ASSESS AND INCORPORATE WATER QUALITY MONITORING DATA THAT MEETS THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AND USE GOALS OF THE STATE DATA SETS INTO THE WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM.”**

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 10, in line 30, strike the bracket; and in the same line, after “(b)” insert **“(1)”**.

On page 11, strike line 1 in its entirety; strike in their entirety lines 4 and 5; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 22, inclusive; and in lines 2, 3, 6, 7, 23, and 24, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, “(23)”, and “(24)”, respectively, and substitute **“(I)”**, **“(II)”**, **“(III)”**, **“(IV)”**, **“(V)”**, and **“(VI)”**, respectively.

On page 12, in line 1, strike “(25)” and substitute **“(VII)”**; in the same line, strike the bracket and substitute “.

**“(2)”**;

in line 2, after “PLAN” insert **“, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 4-301 OF THIS TITLE,”**; in lines 5, 7, 9, and 13, strike **“(1)”**, **“(2)”**, **“(3)”**, and **“(4)”**, respectively, and substitute **“(I)”**, **“(II)”**, **“(III)”**, and **“(IV)”**, respectively; in line 6, after “PLANS” insert **“AND ANY SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE PLANS”**; in line 10, after “THE” insert **“TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION, SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION, AND ANY OTHER”**; in line 12, strike “AND”; in line 14, strike “SECTION.” and substitute **“SECTION; AND**

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**(V) MAY MANAGE THOSE SPECIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**”;

in lines 16 and 17, in each instance, strike the brackets; in line 16, strike “and” and substitute a comma; and in line 17, after “Commission” insert “, AND ANY OTHER”.

On page 13, in line 16, strike “ANGLERS” and substitute “COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FISHING PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO GUIDE FISHING PARTIES AND CHARTER BOAT CAPTAINS,”.

On page 14, in line 12, after “commercial” insert “FISHING PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO GUIDE FISHING PARTIES AND CHARTER BOAT CAPTAINS,”; and in line 13, strike “ANGLERS” and substitute “FISHING PARTICIPANTS”.

On page 18, in line 25, after “communities” insert “OF COMMERCIAL FISHING PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO GUIDE FISHING PARTIES AND CHARTER BOAT CAPTAINS, AND RECREATIONAL FISHING PARTICIPANTS”.