

## **Chapter 129**

**(House Bill 594)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Department of Natural Resources – Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program**

FOR the purpose of declaring the intent of the General Assembly; establishing the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program in the Department of Natural Resources for a certain purpose; providing for the administration of the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations to carry out the Program; providing for the funding of the Program; authorizing the Department to seek, accept, and expend certain funds under certain circumstances; requiring certain money received for the Program to be used in a certain manner; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5–433 through 5–436 to be under the new part “Part VI. Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Natural Resources**

**5–431. RESERVED.**

**5–432. RESERVED.**

#### **PART VI. PAMELA J. KELLY TREE–MENDOUS MARYLAND PROGRAM.**

**5–433.**

**IN THIS PART, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE PAMELA J. KELLY TREE–MENDOUS MARYLAND PROGRAM.**

**5–434.**

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO HAVE A PROGRAM THAT ENCOURAGES THE INVOLVEMENT OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE IN ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP OF THE STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES BY PLANTING NATIVE TREES.**

**5-435.**

**(A) THERE IS A PAMELA J. KELLY TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

**(B) THE PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANTING NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS ON PUBLIC LANDS, COMMUNITY OPEN SPACES, SCHOOL GROUNDS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

**(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

**(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS PART.**

**5-436.**

**(A) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED BY DONATIONS AND GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE PROGRAM.**

**(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

**(C) ALL MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR FUNDING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

**Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.**