

HOUSE BILL 471

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – State Soil – Sassafras Soil**

3 FOR the purpose of designating Sassafras sandy loam as the State soil.

4 BY adding to

5 Article – State Government

6 Section 13–320

7 Annotated Code of Maryland

8 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

9 Preamble

10 WHEREAS, Nearly half of the states of the United States have shown their
11 significant concern for soil by designating an official state soil; and

12 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has a significant concern for its soil
13 resources; and

14 WHEREAS, Soils enhance the quality of surface and ground waters and serve
15 as the foundation for our beautiful agriculture, our unique wildlife habitats, our
16 beautiful landscapes, and the homes and communities of our citizens, and are a
17 significant component of the Chesapeake Bay estuarine ecosystem; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



