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Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forestry Program Act of 2005

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Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Jul 26, 2005
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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4126	Related bill	Sep 20, 2006: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
109 S 1490	Related bill	Jul 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8953-8954)
109 S 1491	Related bill	Jul 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8954-8955)
109 S 1492	Related bill	Jul 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8955-8956)
109 S 1494	Related bill	Jul 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8957-8958)

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forestry Program Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Forest Service and the program Coordinator, to carry out a Chesapeake Bay watershed forestry program under which the Secretary shall make grants and provide technical assistance to eligible entities to restore and conserve forests in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including grants and assistance to: (1) promote forest conservation, restoration, and stewardship efforts; (2) accelerate the restoration of riparian forest buffers; (3) assist in developing and carrying out projects and partnerships; (4) promote the protection and sustainable management of forests; (5) develop public communication and education resources; (6) conduct forest research, assessment, and planning activities; and (7) contribute to the achievement Chesapeake Bay Agreement goals.

Directs the Secretary to designate a Forest Service employee as program Coordinator. Sets forth the Coordinator's responsibilities.

Defines an eligible entity as: (1) a Chesapeake Bay state (Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia), or a political subdivision thereof; (2) a university or other institution of higher education; (3) a tax-exempt organization operating in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; or (4) any other person in the Chesapeake Bay watershed determined by the Secretary as eligible.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) make grants (75% federal maximum) to such entities to carry out specified program projects; (2) conduct a study of urban and rural forests in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and (3) establish a watershed forestry research program for the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Authorizes the use of funds under this Act to employ a state watershed forester to work with the Coordinator.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 26, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 26, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8951-8953)
- **Jul 26, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8956-8957)