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### Legislative Comment

**Date:** January 14, 2021

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 352

**SHORT TITLE:** Agriculture – Multiflora Rose Management – Repeal

**MDA POSITION:** Support

#### **EXPLANATION:**

Senate Bill 352 is a departmental bill that repeals the Maryland Multiflora Rose Management Law. The state's agricultural industry has this plant contained and under control, therefore, the law is no longer needed.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Multiflora Rose Management Law was created in 1982 to address the increasing issue with the problematic pasture weed. At the time, Multiflora Rose was becoming a problem in areas of Maryland in abandoned pastures and uncared for non-agricultural lands. Since then, agricultural practices have changed and the need for the management law is no longer required.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has not received a complaint related to the Multiflora Rose Management Law since before 1995.

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