

HOUSE BILL 1452

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By: **Delegate Stein**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market**
3 **Development**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment
5 to develop markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the State in a
6 certain manner; requiring the Office to report to the General Assembly on or before
7 a certain date each year; requiring the Office to coordinate certain activities with
8 certain entities; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from employing
9 more than a certain number of staff to carry out the requirements of this Act;
10 requiring the Department of Commerce, the Department of General Services, the
11 Department of Transportation, and the Maryland Environmental Service to report
12 to the Office on certain information available to promote the development of markets
13 for recycled material and recycled products; altering the contents of a certain report;
14 declaring the intent of the General Assembly; defining a certain term; and generally
15 relating to markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the State.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Environment
18 Section 9–1702(a) and (f)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article – Environment
23 Section 9–1702(d) and (e)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

26 BY adding to
27 Article – Environment
28 Section 9–1702.1

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Environment**

6 9–1702.

7 (a) There is an Office of Recycling created within the Department.

8 (d) The Office shall:

9 (1) Assist the counties in developing an acceptable recycling plan required
10 under § 9–1703 of this subtitle and § 9–505 of this title, including technical assistance to
11 the local governments;

12 (2) Coordinate the efforts of the State to facilitate the implementation of
13 the recycling goals at the county level;

14 (3) Review all recycling plans submitted as part of a county plan as
15 required under § 9–505 of this title and advise the Secretary on the adequacy of the
16 recycling plan; [and]

17 (4) Administer the Statewide Electronics Recycling Program under Part IV
18 of this subtitle; **AND**

19 **(5) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARKETS FOR RECYCLED**
20 **MATERIALS AND RECYCLED PRODUCTS IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
21 **9–1702.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

22 (e) Beginning on January 1, 1990, and biannually thereafter, the Office shall, in
23 coordination with the Maryland Environmental Service, study and report to the Governor
24 and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

25 (1) [The availability of local, national, and international markets for
26 recycling materials;

27 (2)] The identification and location of recycling centers, including an
28 analysis of existing recycling centers and the need to expand these facilities or construct
29 new recycling centers;

30 [(3)] (2) Programs necessary to educate the public on the need to
31 participate in recycling efforts;

1 [(4)] (3) The economics and financing of existing and proposed systems of
2 waste disposal and recycling;

3 [(5)] (4) State procurement policies for the purchase of recycled
4 materials;

5 [(6)] (5) Programs necessary to reduce the amount of solid waste
6 generated for disposal by a State agency or unit;

7 [(7)] (6) The liaison role with local governments, the federal government,
8 and the private sector;

9 [(8)] (7) The percentage reduction in the amount of solid waste that has
10 been achieved by each county; and

11 [(9)] (8) Economically feasible methods for the recycling of scrap
12 automobile tires, batteries, and white goods.

13 (f) (1) By December 1, 1988, the Office shall, in coordination with the
14 Maryland Environmental Service and the Governor's Task Force on Solid Waste, make
15 recommendations to the General Assembly for the financing of a comprehensive system of
16 recycling at the State and local level, including funding for recycling centers, recycling
17 equipment, recycling education, and marketing strategies.

18 (2) After the financing recommendations are made under paragraph (1) of
19 this subsection, each county may submit to the Office and the Governor a detailed request
20 for funds necessary to assist in the development and implementation of a recycling plan
21 under guidelines developed by the Office.

22 **9-1702.1.**

23 (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION AND
24 TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 9-1702(D)(5) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE
25 OFFICE SHALL:

26 (1) (I) EVALUATE THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND
27 INTERNATIONAL MARKETS FOR RECYCLED MATERIALS AND RECYCLED PRODUCTS;

28 (II) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE MARKETS FOR
29 RECYCLED MATERIALS AND RECYCLED PRODUCTS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING
30 MEASURES FOR REDUCING CONTAMINATION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS;

31 (III) IDENTIFY THE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS REPRESENTING
32 THE LARGEST PORTION OF THE RECYCLING WASTE STREAM; AND

1 (IV) 1. IDENTIFY THE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS THAT ARE IN
2 NEED OF RECYCLING ASSISTANCE; AND

3 2. IDENTIFY THE METHODS FOR COLLECTING AND
4 PROCESSING, AND MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES FOR, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS
5 THAT ARE IN NEED OF RECYCLING ASSISTANCE;

6 (2) IDENTIFY BUSINESSES IN THE STATE THE USE RECYCLED
7 MATERIALS, INCLUDING BUSINESSES THAT REUSE, REPAIR, AND REMANUFACTURE
8 RECYCLED MATERIALS;

9 (3) IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES IN THE STATE TO
10 INCREASE THEIR USE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS;

11 (4) PROVIDE RESOURCES TO BUSINESSES TO MATCH SOURCES OF
12 RECYCLED MATERIALS WITH POTENTIAL USERS;

13 (5) EXAMINE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE CLOSED IN THE STATE FOR
14 THE POTENTIAL FOR REOPENING TO USE RECYCLED MATERIALS;

15 (6) EXAMINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CO-LOCATION OF
16 BUSINESSES THAT USE, REUSE, REPAIR, AND REMANUFACTURE RECYCLED
17 MATERIALS;

18 (7) (I) EXAMINE EXISTING FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR
19 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT; AND

20 (II) DETERMINE WHETHER ADDITIONAL FUNDING
21 MECHANISMS ARE NECESSARY TO EXPAND RECYCLING MARKETS IN THE STATE;

22 (8) ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE THE “MARYLAND IS OPEN FOR
23 RECYCLING BUSINESS” CAMPAIGN TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES TO THE STATE;
24 AND

25 (9) PROVIDE ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE
26 DEVELOPMENT OF MARKETS FOR RECYCLED MATERIALS AND RECYCLED PRODUCTS
27 IN THE STATE.

28 (B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
29 OFFICE SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
30 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED
31 UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 **(C) THE OFFICE SHALL COORDINATE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THIS**
2 **SECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL**
3 **SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE MARYLAND**
4 **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, THE NORTHEAST WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY,**
5 **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.**

6 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT EMPLOY MORE THAN ONE STAFF MEMBER**
7 **TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before July 1, 2021, the
9 Department of Commerce, the Department of General Services, the Department of
10 Transportation, and the Maryland Environmental Service shall report to the Office of
11 Recycling in the Department of the Environment on relevant programs, tools, training
12 guides, campaigns, and technologies available for promoting the development of markets
13 for recycled materials and recycled products in the State, including efforts in State
14 government to increase the use, reuse, and remanufacturing of recycled materials and the
15 use of recycled products.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
17 Assembly that the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment seek input
18 from all interested parties to develop a comprehensive understanding of the programs,
19 tools, training guides, and technologies available to promote the development of markets
20 for recycled materials and recycled products in the State.

21 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2020.