

SENATE BILL 308

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HB 61/21 – ENT

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By: **Senator Lam**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Statewide Green Business Certification Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and
4 administer a statewide green business certification program to recognize businesses
5 operating in a manner that reduces their environmental footprint and provide
6 consumers with information on how to identify those businesses; requiring the
7 Department to update and enhance the green business certification program in
8 consultation with the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program;
9 and generally relating to the establishment of a statewide green business
10 certification program.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Environment

13 Section 1–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Green Business Certification
14 Program”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Environment**

20 **SUBTITLE 9. GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.**

21 **1–901.**

22 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE**
23 **GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SHALL:**

2 **(1) RECOGNIZE BUSINESSES THAT OPERATE IN A MANNER THAT**
3 **REDUCES THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT; AND**

4 **(2) PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH A WAY TO IDENTIFY BUSINESSES**
5 **THAT HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AS GREEN BUSINESSES.**

6 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
7 **SECTION.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall update
9 and enhance the statewide green business certification program required under Section 1
10 of this Act in consultation with the Montgomery County Green Business Certification
11 Program.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2022.