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**HB 1032: Solid Waste Management- Refuse Disposal Systems- Incinerators, Scrap Tires, and Local Authority.**

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**Chairman Kumar Barve, Vice Chair Dana Stein, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,**

HB1032 prohibits the Secretary of the Environment from issuing a permit to install, materially alter, or materially extend an incinerator for disposal of a solid waste stream. The bill also prohibits a person from incinerating scrap tires and prohibits a person from storing scrap tires in the State to be used as fuel in an approved resource recovery incinerator or as a tire-derived fuel in an approved facility. This bill requires the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) to modify its scrap tire recycling system to prioritize entities that use scrap tires for retreading, and prohibits MES from including approved facilities that use tires as a fuel substitute or as a tire-derived fuel in its scrap tire recycling system.

According to the 2019 annual MDE report, Maryland generated an estimated 6.1 million scrap tires in FY 2019. Of these, 79% were recycled or used for fuel in Maryland and 21% were exported to other states for disposal, recycling, or use as fuel. This bill repeals the current law that allows special exceptions for permits allowing the incinerators to be materially installed, altered or extended. This bill also repeals the current law that regulates the disposal of scrap tires.

I urge the committee to support HB1032.

Sincerely,

Delegate Stephanie Smith