



House Bill 131: Environment –
Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill - Chain of Custody and Reuse

SUPPORT

House Environment & Transportation Committee
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Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the House E&T Committee:

The Mid-Atlantic Sports Turf Manager Association (MASTMA) is a new organization that is composed of sports turf field managers and workers from Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C., and Northern Virginia. As MASTMA members, we partner together to promote education, teamwork, networking, and best practices among our peers and within the Sports Turf Management Industry. Over the last couple of years, MASTMA has created and distributed a [Best Management Practices \(BMP\) manual](#).

One of the focuses of the BMP manual is to highlight industry specific practices that ensure the safety of the community, and that environment remains the top priority in our line of work. It covers topics to help both managers and workers keep fields safe and playable for athletes of all ages, from children to professionals.

On behalf of MASTMA, we officially endorse House Bill 131. We believe that this bill is in the best interest of the environment and will provide accountability for proper disposal of the materials related to synthetic fields. Many of the products used synthetic fields are non-biodegradable and should be disposed of properly and correctly. With the current shift to an organic infill mix, fields are becoming more sustainable; however, the main part of the field is still plastic and should be recycled or disposed of in a way that is best for the environment.

For these reasons, we respectfully seek your consideration and support in providing a *favorable* report to House Bill 131.

Thank you,

MASTMA
BMP Outreach Committee