

HOUSE BILL 685

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent Light Recycling –**
3 **County Plans**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county recycling plan to address the collection and
5 recycling of certain fluorescent lights; requiring a county to submit a revised
6 recycling plan by a certain date; and generally relating to recycling fluorescent
7 lights.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Environment
10 Section 9–1703
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Environment**

16 9–1703.

17 (a) Each county shall submit a recycling plan to the Secretary for approval
18 when the county submits its county plan to the Secretary in accordance with the
19 provisions of § 9–505 of this title.

20 (b) In preparing the recycling plan as required in § 9–505 of this title, the
21 county shall address:

22 (1) Methods to meet the solid waste stream reduction;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The feasibility of source separation of the solid waste stream
2 generated within the county;

3 (3) The recyclable materials to be separated;

4 (4) The strategy for the collection, processing, marketing, and
5 disposition of recyclable materials, including the cost-effective use of recycling centers;

6 (5) Methods of financing the recycling efforts proposed by the county;

7 (6) Methods for the separate collection and composting of yard waste;

8 (7) The feasibility of a system for the composting of mixed solid
9 wastes;

10 (8) The feasibility of a system for the collection and recycling of white
11 goods;

12 (9) The separate collection of other recyclable materials;

13 (10) The strategy for the collection, processing, marketing, and
14 disposition of recyclable materials from county public schools; [and]

15 **(11) THE STRATEGY FOR THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF**
16 **FLUORESCENT AND COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS THAT CONTAIN MERCURY;**
17 **AND**

18 **[(11)] (12)** Any other alternative methods of recycling that will attain
19 or exceed the solid waste stream reduction goals determined by the county.

20 (c) (1) In preparing the recycling plan as required under § 9-505 of this
21 title, the county may address methods for the separate collection and recycling of
22 covered electronic devices, including efforts by the county to establish partnerships
23 with covered electronic device manufacturers, recyclers, retailers, or other local
24 governments for the collection and recycling of covered electronic devices.

25 (2) If a county elects to address methods for the separate collection
26 and recycling of covered electronic devices in its recycling plan, any reduction in the
27 county's solid waste stream attributable to the implementation of the methods shall
28 count towards the county's required reduction through recycling of the solid waste
29 stream under § 9-505 of this title.

30 (d) A county that achieves a reduction of at least 5 percent in the volume of
31 its waste through the utilization of 1 or more resource recovery facilities in operation
32 as of January 1, 1988 shall be considered to have achieved a reduction by recycling of 5
33 percent of its solid waste stream.

1 (e) In preparing a recycling plan, a county may not calculate a tax or
2 mandatory deposit on any beverage container that is enacted by a county or
3 municipality to achieve the recycling goals required under § 9–505 of this title.

4 (f) For the purpose of determining weight, the Department may not preclude
5 the use of portable weigh scales.

6 (g) A county shall revise its recycling plan by:

7 **(1)** October 1, 2010, to address the requirements of subsection (b)(10)
8 of this section; **AND**

9 **(2) OCTOBER 1, 2011, TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
10 **SUBSECTION (B)(11) OF THIS SECTION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2010.