

## Chapter 115

**(House Bill 198)**

AN ACT concerning

**Junk Dealers and Scrap Metal Processors – Cell Tower Batteries – Required Record**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of junk or scrap metal to include cell tower batteries; requiring a junk dealer or scrap metal processor to keep a certain record of each purchase of a cell tower battery in the State; and generally relating to required records for the purchase of cell tower batteries by junk dealers and scrap metal processors.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Business Regulation  
 Section 17–1001(a) and 17–1011(b)(1)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Business Regulation  
 Section 17–1001(e)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Business Regulation**

17–1001.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) (1) “Junk” or “scrap metal” includes:

(i) nonferrous articles made wholly or substantially of:

1. aluminum;
2. babbitt metal;
3. brass;
4. bronze;

5. light copper;
6. heavy copper;
7. lead;
8. low carbon chrome;
9. low carbon manganese;
10. molybdenum;
11. monel metal;
12. pewter;
13. nickel;
14. stainless steel;
15. tin;
16. vanadium;
17. zinc;
18. platinum;
19. gold;
20. rhodium; or
21. other nonferrous metals; and

metal: (ii) the following used articles, made of either ferrous or nonferrous

1. catalytic converters;
2. metal bleachers;
3. hard-drawn copper;
4. metal beer kegs;

5. cemetery urns;
6. grave markers;
7. propane tanks; [and]
8. **CELL TOWER BATTERIES; AND**

including: [8.] 9. any other used articles owned by a public utility

- A. guardrails;
- B. manhole covers;
- C. metal light poles;
- D. tree grates;
- E. water meters; and
- F. street signs.

(2) “Junk” or “scrap metal” does not include beverage cans or food cans.

17-1011.

(b) (1) For each purchase of junk or scrap metal in the State, a junk dealer or scrap metal processor shall keep an accurate record in English.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 11, 2017.**