A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Single-Use Plastic Straws – Use in Restaurants

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, a restaurant from providing a single-use plastic straw to a certain customer unless the customer requests a straw; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the use of single-use plastic straws.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

New part designation “Part I. Labeling of Biodegradable and Compostable Plastic Products” to immediately precede Section 9–2101; and Section 9–2108 to be under the new part “Part II. Plastic Straws”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)


SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

9–2106. RESERVED.

9–2107. RESERVED.
PART II. PLASTIC STRAWS.

9–2108.

(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO RESTAURANT SERVICES PROVIDED AT A DRIVE–THROUGH WINDOW.

(B) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, A RESTAURANT MAY NOT PROVIDE A SINGLE–USE PLASTIC STRAW TO A CUSTOMER DINING IN AT THE RESTAURANT UNLESS THE CUSTOMER REQUESTS A STRAW.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.