

HOUSE BILL 954

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By: **Delegate Cassilly**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Commercial Compost – Prohibition on Per Ton Inspection Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of Agriculture from adopting regulations to
4 establish or impose a per ton inspection fee on commercial compost distributed by a
5 private entity in the State; and generally relating to commercial compost distributed
6 in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Agriculture

9 Section 6–221

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

15 6–221.

16 (a) The Secretary shall adopt regulations in consultation with the State
17 Department of the Environment to establish product standards for compost intended for
18 commercial use and distribution.

19 (b) **(1)** The regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section shall
20 include:

21 **[(1)] (I)** Certification requirements for operators of composting facilities;
22 and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ~~[(2)]~~ (II) A classification scheme for compost.

2 **(2) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
3 **SECTION MAY NOT ESTABLISH OR IMPOSE A PER TON INSPECTION FEE ON**
4 **COMMERCIAL COMPOST DISTRIBUTED BY A PRIVATE ENTITY IN THE STATE.**

5 (c) To the greatest extent practicable, the regulations adopted under subsection
6 (a) of this section shall be consistent with applicable national standards and with relevant
7 standards which may have been developed in neighboring states.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2019.