

SENATE BILL 840

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By: **Senator Hershey**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “expanded polystyrene food service product”
4 to exclude certain egg cartons shipped into or within the State from certain
5 prohibitions relating to the food service products; and generally relating to expanded
6 polystyrene food service products.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Environment
9 Section 9–2201
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Environment
14 Section 9–2203
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Environment**

20 9–2201.

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

22 (b) “Expanded polystyrene” means blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded
23 foams that are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and
24 processed by a number of techniques, including fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 polystyrene), injection molding, foam molding, and extrusion–blow molding (extruded foam
2 polystyrene).

3 (c) (1) “Expanded polystyrene food service product” means a product made of
4 expanded polystyrene that is:

5 (i) Used for selling or providing food or beverages; and

6 (ii) 1. Intended by the manufacturer to be used once for eating
7 or drinking; or

8 2. Generally recognized by the public as an item to be
9 discarded after one use.

10 (2) “Expanded polystyrene food service product” includes:

11 (i) Food containers;

12 (ii) Plates;

13 (iii) Hot and cold beverage cups;

14 (iv) Trays; and

15 (v) Cartons for eggs or other food.

16 (3) “Expanded polystyrene food service product” does not include:

17 (i) Food or beverages that have been packaged in expanded
18 polystyrene containers before receipt by a food service business;

19 (ii) A product made of expanded polystyrene that is used to package
20 raw, uncooked, or butchered meat, fish, poultry, or seafood; [or]

21 (iii) Nonfoam polystyrene food service products; **OR**

22 **(IV) CARTONS FOR EGGS THAT ARE MADE OF EXPANDED**
23 **POLYSTYRENE THAT ARE SHIPPED:**

24 **1. INTO THE STATE FOR PACKAGING; OR**

25 **2. WITHIN THE STATE.**

26 (d) (1) “Food service business” means a business in the State that sells or
27 provides food or beverages for consumption on or off the premises.

1 (2) “Food service business” includes a business or institutional cafeteria,
2 including a cafeteria operated by or on behalf of the State or a local government.

3 (e) “School” includes:

4 (1) A public elementary or secondary school;

5 (2) A nonpublic elementary or secondary school; and

6 (3) An institution of higher education, as defined in § 10–101(h) of the
7 Education Article.

8 (f) “Unit of county government” includes:

9 (1) A local health department; or

10 (2) A local environmental department.

11 9–2203.

12 (a) On or after July 1, 2020, a person may not sell or offer for sale in the State an
13 expanded polystyrene food service product.

14 (b) On or after July 1, 2020, a food service business or school may not sell or
15 provide food or beverages in an expanded polystyrene food service product.

16 (c) This section does not prohibit a person from storing a food service product for
17 later distribution outside the State.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
19 1, 2020.