

HOUSE BILL 21

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Love**

Requested: October 31, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Recycling – Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of recycling to exclude certain chemical
4 conversion processes; prohibiting a person from building in the State a facility that
5 converts plastic to fuel or feedstock through certain chemical conversion processes;
6 authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to implement
7 certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to recycling and the chemical
8 conversion of plastic.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Environment
11 Section 9–1701(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Environment
16 Section 9–1701(q)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Environment
21 Section 9–1715
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Environment

2 9–1701.

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

4 (q) (1) “Recycling” means any process in which recyclable materials are
5 collected, separated, or processed and returned to the marketplace in the form of raw
6 materials or products.7 (2) “RECYCLING” DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
8 CHEMICAL CONVERSION PROCESSES:

9 (I) PYROLYSIS;

10 (II) HYDROLYSIS;

11 (III) METHANOLYSIS;

12 (IV) GASIFICATION;

13 (V) ENZYMATIC BREAKDOWN; OR

14 (VI) A SIMILAR PROCESS, AS DETERMINED BY THE
15 DEPARTMENT.

16 9–1715.

17 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT BUILD IN THE STATE A FACILITY THAT CONVERTS
18 PLASTIC TO FUEL OR FEEDSTOCK THROUGH:

19 (1) PYROLYSIS;

20 (2) HYDROLYSIS;

21 (3) METHANOLYSIS;

22 (4) GASIFICATION;

23 (5) ENZYMATIC BREAKDOWN; OR

24 (6) A SIMILAR CHEMICAL CONVERSION PROCESS, AS DETERMINED BY
25 THE DEPARTMENT.

1 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**
2 **SECTION.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2021.