

# HOUSE BILL 61

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By: **Delegate Shetty**

Requested: September 23, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Statewide Green Business Certification Program –**  
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and  
5 administer a statewide green business certification program; requiring the green  
6 business certification program to recognize certain businesses and provide  
7 consumers with certain information; authorizing the Department to adopt certain  
8 regulations; requiring the Department to update and enhance the green business  
9 certification program in consultation with a certain existing green business  
10 certification program; and generally relating to the establishment of a statewide  
11 green business certification program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Environment

14 Section 1–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Green Business Certification  
15 Program”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Environment**

21 **SUBTITLE 9. GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.**

22 **1–901.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE**  
2 **GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.**

3           **(B) THE GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SHALL:**

4                   **(1) RECOGNIZE BUSINESSES THAT OPERATE IN A MANNER THAT**  
5 **REDUCES THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT; AND**

6                   **(2) PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH A WAY TO IDENTIFY BUSINESSES**  
7 **THAT HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AS GREEN BUSINESSES.**

8           **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
9 **SECTION.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall update  
11 and enhance the statewide green business certification program required under Section 1  
12 of this Act in consultation with the Montgomery County Green Business Certification  
13 Program.

14           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2021.