

# HOUSE BILL 857

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By: **Delegate Lehman**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill – Chain of Custody and Reuse**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain producer of synthetic turf and turf infill to establish  
4 a system to track the chain of custody of the synthetic turf and turf infill from their  
5 manufacture to their reuse, recycling, and final disposal on or before a certain date,  
6 subject to a certain exception; requiring a certain owner of synthetic turf and turf  
7 infill to establish a system to track the chain of custody of the synthetic turf and turf  
8 infill from their use to their reuse, recycling, and final disposal under certain  
9 circumstances; requiring the chain of custody to be transmitted in writing to the  
10 Department of the Environment; requiring the chain of custody to include certain  
11 information; requiring the Department to publish the chain of custody on its website;  
12 prohibiting synthetic turf and turf infill from being reused except under certain  
13 circumstances; requiring the Department to develop and maintain a website that  
14 displays certain chain of custody information; defining certain terms; and generally  
15 relating to synthetic turf and turf infill.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Environment

18 Section 9–2301 through 9–2304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 23. Synthetic  
19 Turf and Turf Infill”

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Environment**

25 **SUBTITLE 23. SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF INFILL.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **9-2301.**

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) “PRODUCER” MEANS A PERSON WHO:

5 (1) OWNS OR LICENSES A TRADEMARK OR BRAND UNDER WHICH  
6 SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF INFILL ARE SOLD, OFFERED FOR SALE, DISTRIBUTED,  
7 OR OFFERED FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES IN THE STATE; OR

8 (2) IMPORTS SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF INFILL INTO THE STATE  
9 FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION.

10 (C) “SYNTHETIC TURF” MEANS PLASTIC TUFTED CARPET THAT:

11 (1) IS INTENDED TO HAVE, OR INCIDENTALY HAS, AN APPEARANCE  
12 THAT MIMICS GRASS;

13 (2) FUNCTIONS AS A REPLACEMENT FOR GRASS; AND

14 (3) IS AT LEAST 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE.

15 (D) (1) “TURF INFILL” MEANS MATERIAL THAT:

16 (I) IS Poured ON TOP OF SYNTHETIC TURF TO HOLD  
17 SYNTHETIC TURF BLADES IN PLACE;

18 (II) WEIGHS DOWN THE SYNTHETIC TURF SO IT DOES NOT  
19 DEVELOP WRINKLES OR BUCKLE; AND

20 (III) MIMICS THE IMPACT ABSORPTION PROPERTIES OF SOIL  
21 UNDER NATURAL GRASS.

22 (2) “TURF INFILL” INCLUDES SHREDDED OR GRANULATED TIRE,  
23 RUBBER, OR SILICA SAND.

24 **9-2302.**

25 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR  
26 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, EACH PRODUCER OF SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF INFILL  
27 SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATE SHALL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO TRACK THE  
28 CHAIN OF CUSTODY OF THE SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF INFILL FROM THEIR

1 MANUFACTURE TO THEIR INSTALLATION, USE, REUSE, RECYCLING, AND FINAL  
2 DISPOSAL.

3 (B) FOR SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF INFILL ALREADY INSTALLED IN THE  
4 STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022, THE OWNER OF THE SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF  
5 INFILL SHALL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO TRACK THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY OF THE  
6 SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF INFILL FROM THEIR USE TO THEIR REUSE, RECYCLING,  
7 AND FINAL DISPOSAL.

8 (C) THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY INFORMATION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED IN  
9 WRITING TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME AND CONTACT  
10 INFORMATION OF:

11 (1) THE PRODUCER OF THE SYNTHETIC TURF OR TURF INFILL;

12 (2) THE BUSINESS OR CONTRACTOR THAT INSTALLS, OR HAS  
13 INSTALLED, THE SYNTHETIC TURF OR TURF INFILL;

14 (3) THE OWNER OF THE SYNTHETIC TURF OR TURF INFILL; AND

15 (4) THE TRANSPORTER OF THE SYNTHETIC TURF OR TURF INFILL.

16 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY ON THE  
17 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

18 9-2303.

19 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, SYNTHETIC TURF AND  
20 TURF INFILL MAY NOT BE REUSED UNLESS:

21 (1) THE ORIGINAL OWNER OF THE SYNTHETIC TURF AND TURF INFILL  
22 SUBMITS A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND

23 (2) THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE WRITTEN REQUEST.

24 9-2304.

25 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A WEBSITE THAT  
26 INCLUDES:

27 (1) A COPY OF ALL CHAIN OF CUSTODY INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO  
28 THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 9-2302 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

1                   **(2) THE NAMES OF PRODUCERS THAT PROVIDE THE CHAIN OF**  
2 **CUSTODY INFORMATION; AND**

3                   **(3) A LIST OF THE BRANDS SPECIFIED IN THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY**  
4 **INFORMATION.**

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