
By: Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Environment)

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities - Regulatory Requirements - Limited Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain regulatory requirements by the Maryland
4 Department of the Environment relating to the operation of a natural wood waste
5 recycling facility; repealing a certain definition; and generally relating to the
6 regulation of natural wood waste recycling facilities.

7 BY repealing
8 Article - Environment
9 Section 9-1701(e) and (f) and 9-1708
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Environment**

15 9-1701.

16 [(e) (1) "Natural wood waste" means tree and other natural vegetative refuse.

17 (2) "Natural wood waste" includes tree stumps, brush and limbs, root mats,
18 logs, and other natural vegetative material.

19 (f) (1) "Natural wood waste recycling facility" means a facility where recycling
20 services for natural wood waste are provided.

21 (2) "Natural wood waste recycling facility" does not include a collection or
22 processing facility operated by:

23 (i) A nonprofit or governmental organization located in the State; or

24 (ii) A single individual or business that provides recycling services for
25 its own employees or for its own recyclable materials generated on its own premises.]

26 [9-1708.

27 (a) (1) A person may operate a natural wood waste recycling facility in this
28 State only in accordance with the provisions of this section.

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1 (2) In addition to the other provisions of this section, after July 1, 1992, a
2 person may not operate a natural wood waste recycling facility in the State without a
3 permit issued by the Department under this section.

4 (b) (1) A natural wood waste recycling facility may accept only natural wood
5 waste.

6 (2) A natural wood waste recycling facility shall be operated in a manner
7 that prevents health hazards and minimizes nuisances. Discharges to air or waters of the
8 State shall be limited to discharges allowable under permits governing solid waste
9 disposal, water pollution control, or air pollution control. Dust resulting from the
10 operations shall be controlled at all times.

11 (3) Adequate personnel and equipment shall be maintained at all times to
12 ensure proper operation and prompt attention to correct problems associated with the
13 construction and maintenance of a natural wood waste recycling facility.

14 (4) The disposal site shall be under the supervision of a responsible
15 individual present at the disposal site at all times during the operation of a natural wood
16 waste recycling facility.

17 (5) Access to a natural wood waste recycling facility shall be controlled at all
18 times, and entrances shall be adequately closed when the site is not in operation.

19 (6) Suitable measures to prevent and to control fires at a natural wood
20 waste recycling facility shall be provided.

21 (7) A person may not burn wood waste at a natural wood waste recycling
22 facility except as permitted by the Department or, when applicable, by the local
23 governmental authority.

24 (c) (1) The Secretary may by regulation establish additional conditions under
25 which a person may operate a natural wood waste recycling facility.

26 (2) On or before July 1, 1992, the Department shall adopt regulations to
27 establish a permit system for natural wood waste recycling facilities.

28 (d) The provisions of §§ 9-334 through 9-342 of this title and § 10-104 of this
29 article shall be used and shall apply to enforce violations of this section.

30 (e) A facility required to obtain a permit by the Department under Subtitle 2,
31 Title 9 of this article is not required to obtain a permit under this section.]

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 1996.