
By: Prince George's County and Montgomery County Delegations

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Composting Facilities**

3 **PG/MC 19-96**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain restrictions concerning the construction of
5 composting facilities by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission(WSSC);
6 providing that certain restrictions apply to all WSSC composting facilities without
7 regard to the date of construction; repealing a certain obsolete provision; and
8 generally relating to WSSC composting facilities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
11 Section 18-107
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District**

17 18-107.

18 (a) Unless the WSSC takes precautions to make a composting facility free of
19 offensive off-site odors, the WSSC may not construct the facility in any area that has
20 more than 100 homes that are located within [5] 3 miles of the facility.

21 (b) The WSSC shall adopt regulations that provide standards for the construction
22 and operation of a composting facility that is free of offensive off-site odors.

23 (c) If the WSSC does not control and eliminate any offensive off-site odor that is
24 caused by a composting facility[that is constructed after July 1, 1986], THEN the WSSC
25 must close the facility within 4 months from the date the offensive off-site odor is emitted
26 from the facility.

27 (d) [On or before January 1, 1987, the WSSC shall take all necessaryand
28 reasonable actions to make any composting facility in existence on July1, 1986 free of
29 offensive off-site odors.

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1 (e) If a composting facility is closed for failure to meet any standards adopted by
2 the WSSC under this section, the Montgomery County government shall select an
3 alternative method or location for the disposition of sludge located at the closed facility.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 1996.