
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**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the types of wastes acceptable at natural wood waste
4 recycling facilities; repealing the requirement for the Department of the
5 Environment to adopt regulations to establish a permit system for natural wood
6 waste recycling facilities and the requirement that these facilities be permitted by
7 the Department.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Environment
10 Section 9-1701(e) and 9-1708
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Environment**

16 9-1701.

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

18 (2) "Natural wood waste" includes tree stumps, brush and limbs, root mats,
19 logs, and other natural vegetative material AND UNADULTERATED OR
20 NONCHEMICALLY TREATED WOOD WASTE.

21 9-1708.

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

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

27 (b) [(1) A natural wood waste recycling facility may accept only natural wood
28 waste.

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1 (2)] (1) A natural wood waste recycling facility shall be operated in a
2 manner that prevents health hazards and minimizes nuisances. Discharges to air or waters
3 of the State shall be limited to discharges allowable under permits governing solid waste
4 disposal, water pollution control, or air pollution control. Dust resulting from the
5 operations shall be controlled at all times.

6 [(3)] (2) Adequate personnel and equipment shall be maintained at all
7 times to ensure proper operation and prompt attention to correct problems associated
8 with the construction and maintenance of a natural wood waste recycling facility.

9 [(4)] (3) The disposal site shall be under the supervision of a responsible
10 individual present at the disposal site at all times during the operation of a natural wood
11 waste recycling facility.

12 [(5)] (4) Access to a natural wood waste recycling facility shall be controlled
13 at all times, and entrances shall be adequately closed when the site is not in operation.

14 [(6)] (5) Suitable measures to prevent and to control fires at a natural wood
15 waste recycling facility shall be provided.

16 [(7)] (6) A person may not burn wood waste at a natural wood waste
17 recycling facility except as permitted by the Department or, when applicable, by the local
18 governmental authority.

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

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

23 [(d)] (C) The provisions of §§ 9-334 through 9-342 of this title and § 10-104 of
24 this article shall be used and shall apply to enforce violations of this section.

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

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 1997.