
By: Senators Sfikas and Stone

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Incinerators - Authority to Prohibit**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the construction and operation of incinerators within a
4 certain distance of certain schools; prohibiting the issuance of certain permits for
5 the construction and operation of certain incinerators; providing certain exceptions;
6 and generally relating to incinerators.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Environment
9 Section 9-201(e) and 9-204(d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Environment
14 Section 9-204(j)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Environment**

20 9-201.

21 (e) "Refuse disposal system" includes:

- 22 (1) An incinerator;
- 23 (2) A transfer station;
- 24 (3) A landfill system;
- 25 (4) A landfill;
- 26 (5) A solid waste processing facility; and
- 27 (6) Any other solid waste acceptance facility.

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1 9-204.

2 (d) A person shall have a permit issued by the Secretary under this section before
3 the person installs, materially alters, or materially extends a water supply system,
4 sewerage system, or refuse disposal system.

5 (J) (1) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT ISSUE ANY PERMIT, INCLUDING A
6 PERMIT UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION OR § 7-232 OF THIS ARTICLE, TO
7 CONSTRUCT OR OPERATE A MUNICIPAL WASTE INCINERATOR FOR DISPOSAL OF A
8 SOLID WASTE STREAM, AS DEFINED IN § 9-1701 OF THIS TITLE, WITHIN 1 MILE OF A
9 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

10 (2) A PERSON MAY NOT CONSTRUCT OR OPERATE A MUNICIPAL WASTE
11 INCINERATOR FOR DISPOSAL OF A SOLID WASTE STREAM, AS DEFINED IN § 9-1701 OF
12 THIS TITLE, WITHIN 1 MILE OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY
13 SCHOOL.

14 (3) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT:

15 (I) THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPLACEMENT,
16 EXPANSION, AND MATERIAL ALTERATION OR EXTENSION OF AN INCINERATOR
17 THAT WAS OPERATING AS A RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY ON JANUARY 1, 1997;
18 OR

19 (II) THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS NECESSARY FOR THE
20 CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPLACEMENT, EXPANSION, AND MATERIAL
21 ALTERATION OR EXTENSION OF AN INCINERATOR THAT WAS OPERATING ON
22 JANUARY 1, 1997.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 1997.