

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 495 (Senator Currie)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Environmental Matters

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**Recycling Facility - Definition**

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This amended bill defines a recycling facility as one that transfers solid waste type materials back to the marketplace, and does not accept material that contains more than de minimis quantities of refuse.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in State expenditures and revenues.

**Local Effect:** Potential indeterminate impact on local finances as discussed below.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful impact on small businesses as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Effect:** To the extent that the bill causes any facilities to no longer be considered recycling facilities, an increase in permit applications may occur. Any increase in workload and revenues from permitting activities and fees would depend upon the number and types of facilities impacted. It is assumed that any increase in workload could be handled with currently budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** Altering the definition of recycling facility could increase a local jurisdiction's ability to pursue enforcement actions against facilities currently considered recycling facilities but that would not meet this definition.

**Small Business Effect:** Under this bill, certain facilities currently engaged in some form of recycling would no longer be considered “recycling facilities”. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) advises that these businesses may then have to obtain a permit in order to continue their current operations. Any such permitting requirements could increase a business’ operating cost. It is not known, however, how many businesses might be affected, and how many of these would be small businesses.

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