

HB0929/480518/1

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 929
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “parties;” insert “authorizing a certain county to combine its recycling rate with the recycling rates of certain adjacent counties in a certain manner and under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of the Environment to calculate a certain recycling rate for certain counties under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain county that has met or exceeded a certain percentage reduction of its solid waste stream through recycling in a certain year to submit a letter containing certain certifications to the Secretary by a certain date instead of revising a certain county recycling plan;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 3 and 15, in each instance, strike “**2013**” and substitute “2014”; and in lines 12 and 24, in each instance, strike “**JULY 1, 2015**” and substitute “DECEMBER 31, 2015”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 29, insert:

“(4) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, WHEN CALCULATING A COUNTY’S RECYCLING RATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 100,000 MAY COMBINE ITS RECYCLING RATE WITH THE RECYCLING RATES OF ONE OR MORE ADJACENT COUNTIES.

“(II) A COUNTY MAY NOT USE THE RECYCLING RATE CALCULATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH FOR MORE THAN 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

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(III) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, EACH COUNTY THAT ELECTS TO USE THE RECYCLING RATE CALCULATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL SUBMIT A LETTER OF CONCURRENCE FROM THE HIGHEST ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE COUNTY TO THE SECRETARY:

1. THAT STATES THE COUNTY'S AGREEMENT TO COMBINE ITS RECYCLING RATE CALCULATION WITH THE RECYCLING RATE CALCULATION OF AN ADJACENT COUNTY; AND

2. AT THE SAME TIME THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 9-1705(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBMITTED.

(IV) THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 9-1705(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE SUBMITTED AS ONE REPORT FOR THE COUNTIES THAT ELECT TO USE THE RECYCLING RATE CALCULATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

(V) THE SECRETARY SHALL CALCULATE ONE RECYCLING RATE FOR THE COUNTIES THAT ELECT TO USE THE RECYCLING RATE CALCULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH.”.

On page 4, after line 17, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for a county with a population greater than 150,000 that has met or exceeded a 35% reduction of the county's solid waste stream through recycling in calendar year 2010, the requirement to revise the county recycling plan in § 9-505(a)(18) of the Environment Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may be satisfied by the submission of a letter on or before December 31, 2013, from the highest elected county official to the Secretary of the Environment certifying that:

(1) the required 35% county recycling rate will continue to be met or exceeded in each calendar year through 2015; and

(2) details regarding the increased recycling rates and methods for achieving the rates will be included in the county's next regular 3-year review of its 10-year county solid waste management plan under § 9-503(b) of the Environment Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for a county with a population less than 150,000 that has met or exceeded a 20% reduction of the county's solid waste stream through recycling in calendar year 2010, the requirement to revise the county recycling plan in § 9-505(a)(19) of the Environment Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may be satisfied by the submission of a letter on or before December 31, 2013, from the highest elected county official to the Secretary of the Environment certifying that:

(1) the required 20% county recycling rate will continue to be met or exceeded in each calendar year through 2015; and

(2) details regarding the increased recycling rates and methods for achieving the rates will be included in the county's next regular 3-year review of its 10-year county solid waste management plan under § 9-503(b) of the Environment Article.”;

and in line 18, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.