

# SENATE BILL 164

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By: **Senator Conway**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Plastic Bag Recycling Act**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain fees to be deposited in the State Recycling  
4 Trust Fund; prohibiting a plastic carryout bag manufacturer from providing,  
5 selling, or offering for sale a plastic carryout bag for use or distribution in the  
6 State unless certain language is printed or displayed on the bag and the  
7 manufacturer has registered with the Department of the Environment in a  
8 certain manner; authorizing a plastic carryout bag manufacturer to fulfill  
9 certain requirements of this Act in a certain manner; requiring a plastic  
10 carryout bag manufacturer to register with the Department in a certain manner  
11 and on or before a certain date; establishing a plastic carryout bag  
12 manufacturer registration fee; requiring a plastic carryout bag manufacturer to  
13 develop and implement a certain plan in accordance with certain requirements;  
14 providing that each plastic carryout bag manufacturer is responsible for all  
15 costs associated with the development and implementation of its plan; requiring  
16 the Department to deposit certain fees in the State Recycling Trust Fund;  
17 requiring the Department, within a certain time period, to post on its Web site a  
18 certain plan and notice of a certain comment period; requiring the Department  
19 to review a certain plan; authorizing the Department to comment on a certain  
20 plan; requiring a plastic carryout bag manufacturer to accept certain comments  
21 on a certain plan and to respond, revise, and resubmit the plan under certain  
22 circumstances; determining when a certain plan shall be considered final;  
23 requiring each plastic carryout bag manufacturer, on or before a certain date, to  
24 establish a certain educational program and develop and make available to  
25 retailers certain educational materials; beginning on a certain date, requiring  
26 each plastic carryout bag manufacturer to establish goals to include a certain  
27 percentage of recycled content in plastic carryout bags it manufactures for use  
28 or distribution in the State by a certain year; prohibiting a retailer, distributor,  
29 or wholesaler, beginning on a certain date, from purchasing plastic carryout  
30 bags from certain manufacturers; requiring the Department to maintain and  
31 post on its Web site, beginning on a certain date, certain lists; requiring a

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 plastic carryout bag manufacturer to submit a certain annual report to the  
 2 Department; providing that a county or municipality is not prohibited from  
 3 adopting certain ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or rules under certain  
 4 circumstances; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; providing for  
 5 the recovery of the penalties in certain civil actions; requiring that certain civil  
 6 penalties be deposited into a certain fund; requiring the Department to adopt  
 7 certain regulations; defining certain terms; requiring the Secretary of the  
 8 Environment to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a  
 9 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
 10 the recycling of plastic carryout bags.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 12 Article – Environment  
 13 Section 9–1701 and 9–1707(f)(2)  
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 17 Article – Environment  
 18 Section 9–1707(f)(1)  
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 20 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

21 BY adding to  
 22 Article – Environment  
 23 Section 9–1733 through 9–1743 to be under the new part “Part V. Plastic  
 24 Carryout Bag Recycling”  
 25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 26 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

29 **Article – Environment**

30 9–1701.

31 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

32 (b) “Compost” means the product of composting in accordance with the  
 33 standards established by the Secretary of Agriculture under § 6–221 of the Agriculture  
 34 Article.

35 (c) “Composting” means the controlled biological decomposition of organic  
 36 waste material in accordance with the standards established by the Secretary under  
 37 this title.

1 (d) (1) “Computer” means a desktop personal computer or laptop  
2 computer, including the computer monitor.

3 (2) “Computer” does not include:

4 (i) A personal digital assistant device;

5 (ii) A computer peripheral device, including:

6 1. A mouse or other similar pointing device;

7 2. A printer; or

8 3. A detachable keyboard.

9 (e) (1) “Covered electronic device” means a computer or video display  
10 device with a screen that is greater than 4 inches measured diagonally.

11 (2) “Covered electronic device” does not include a video display device  
12 that is part of a motor vehicle or that is contained within a household appliance or  
13 commercial, industrial, or medical equipment.

14 (f) “Covered electronic device takeback program” means a program,  
15 established by a covered electronic device manufacturer, for the collection and  
16 recycling, refurbishing, or reuse of a covered electronic device labeled with the name of  
17 the manufacturer or the manufacturer’s brand label, including:

18 (1) Providing, at no cost to the returner, a method of returning a  
19 covered electronic device to the manufacturer, including postage paid mailing  
20 packages or designated collection points throughout the State;

21 (2) Contracting with a recycler, local government, other manufacturer,  
22 or any other person; or

23 (3) Any other program approved by the Department.

24 (g) “Director” means the Director of the Office of Recycling.

25 **(H) “DISTRIBUTOR OR WHOLESALER” MEANS A PERSON WHO BUYS OR**  
26 **OTHERWISE ACQUIRES PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS FROM ANOTHER SOURCE AND**  
27 **PROVIDES, SELLS, OR OFFERS TO SELL THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS TO A**  
28 **RETAILER DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE.**

29 **[(h)] (I)** “Manufacturer” means a person that is the brand owner of a  
30 covered electronic device sold or offered for sale in the State, by any means, including  
31 transactions conducted through sales outlets, catalogs, or the Internet.

1           **[(i)] (J)**     (1)   “Natural wood waste” means tree and other natural  
2 vegetative refuse.

3                   (2)   “Natural wood waste” includes tree stumps, brush and limbs, root  
4 mats, logs, and other natural vegetative material.

5           **[(j)] (K)**     (1)   “Natural wood waste recycling facility” means a facility  
6 where recycling services for natural wood waste are provided.

7                   (2)   “Natural wood waste recycling facility” does not include a collection  
8 or processing facility operated by:

9                           (i)   A nonprofit or governmental organization located in the  
10 State; or

11                           (ii) A single individual or business that provides recycling  
12 services for its own employees or for its own recyclable materials generated on its own  
13 premises.

14           **[(k)] (L)**     “Office” means the Office of Recycling within the Department.

15           **(M) “PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG” MEANS A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG**  
16 **PROVIDED BY A RETAILER TO A CUSTOMER AT THE POINT OF SALE.**

17           **(N) “PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER” MEANS THE PRODUCER**  
18 **OF A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG THAT IS PROVIDED, SOLD, OR OFFERED FOR SALE**  
19 **TO A RETAILER DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE.**

20           **[(l)] (O)**     “Recyclable materials” means those materials that:

21                   (1)   Would otherwise become solid waste for disposal in a refuse  
22 disposal system; and

23                   (2)   May be collected, separated, or processed and returned to the  
24 marketplace in the form of raw materials or products.

25           **[(m)] (P)**     (1)   “Recycling” means any process in which materials that  
26 would otherwise become solid waste are collected, separated, or processed and  
27 returned to the marketplace in the form of raw materials or products.

28                   (2)   “Recycling” includes composting.

29           **[(n)] (Q)**     “Recycling services” means the services provided by persons  
30 engaged in the business of recycling, including the collection, processing, storage,  
31 purchase, sale, or disposition of recyclable materials.

1           **[(o)] (R)**     “Resource recovery facility” means a facility in existence as of  
2 January 1, 1988 that:

3                   (1)     Processes solid waste to produce valuable resources, including  
4 steam, electricity, metals, or refuse-derived fuel; and

5                   (2)     Achieves a volume reduction of at least 50 percent of its solid waste  
6 stream.

7           **(S)   “RETAILER” MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF**  
8 **MAKING SALES AT RETAIL THAT GENERATE SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE.**

9           **[(p)] (T)**     (1)     “Solid waste stream” means garbage or refuse that would,  
10 unless recycled, be disposed of in a refuse disposal system located in this State.

11                   (2)     “Solid waste stream” does not include:

12                           (i)     Hospital waste;

13                           (ii)    Rubble;

14                           (iii)  Scrap material;

15                           (iv)   Land clearing debris;

16                           (v)    Sewage sludge; or

17                           (vi)  Waste generated by a single individual or business and  
18 disposed of in a facility dedicated solely for that entity’s waste.

19           **[(q)] (U)**     (1)     “Video display device” means an electronic device with an  
20 output surface that displays or is capable of displaying moving graphical images or  
21 visual representations of image sequences or pictures that show a number of quickly  
22 changing images on a screen to create the illusion of motion.

23                   (2)     “Video display device” includes a device that is an integral part of  
24 the display and cannot easily be removed from the display by the consumer and that  
25 produces the moving image on the screen.

26                   (3)     A video display device may use a cathode-ray tube (CRT), liquid  
27 crystal display (LCD), gas plasma, digital light processing, or other image-projection  
28 technology.

29           **[(r)] (V)**     “White goods” includes:

30                   (1)     Refrigerators;

- 1           (2)    Stoves;
- 2           (3)    Washing machines;
- 3           (4)    Dryers;
- 4           (5)    Water heaters; and
- 5           (6)    Air conditioners.

6           **[(s)] (w)**   (1)    “Yard waste” means organic plant waste derived from  
7 gardening, landscaping, and tree trimming activities.

8           (2)    “Yard waste” includes leaves, garden waste, lawn cuttings, weeds,  
9 and prunings.

10   9–1707.

11           (f)    (1)    There is a State Recycling Trust Fund.

12                   (2)    The Fund shall consist of:

13                           (i)    The newsprint recycling incentive fee;

14                           (ii)   The telephone directory recycling incentive fee collected  
15 under § 9–1709 of this subtitle;

16                           (iii)   The covered electronic device manufacturer registration fee  
17 collected under § 9–1728 of this subtitle;

18                           (iv)   The mercury switch or mercury switch assembly removal  
19 fees collected under § 6–905.4(c)(6)(iii)3 of this article;

20                           **(v)    THE PLASTIC BAG MANUFACTURER REGISTRATION FEE**  
21 **COLLECTED UNDER § 9–1735 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

22                           **[(v)] (vi)**   All fines and penalties collected under this subtitle  
23 and under §§ 6–905.4 and 6–905.6 of this article;

24                           **[(vi)] (vii)**   Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;  
25 and

26                           **[(vii)] (viii)**   Any other money from any other source accepted for  
27 the benefit of the Fund.

1 9-1731. RESERVED.

2 9-1732. RESERVED.

3 PART V. PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG RECYCLING.

4 9-1733.

5 A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER MAY NOT PROVIDE, SELL, OR  
6 OFFER FOR SALE A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG FOR USE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THE  
7 STATE UNLESS:

8 (1) THE NAME OF THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER  
9 IS PRINTED OR DISPLAYED ON THE BAG IN A MANNER READILY IDENTIFIABLE  
10 TO THE CONSUMER; AND

11 (2) THE MANUFACTURER HAS REGISTERED WITH THE  
12 DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS PART.

13 9-1734.

14 EXCEPT FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE  
15 REQUIRED BY § 9-1735(A)(1) AND (2) OF THIS PART, A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG  
16 MANUFACTURER MAY FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART  
17 INDIVIDUALLY OR IN PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG  
18 MANUFACTURERS OR SUBCONTRACTORS.

19 9-1735.

20 (A) BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, A PLASTIC CARRYOUT  
21 BAG MANUFACTURER SHALL REGISTER EVERY 2 YEARS BY SUBMITTING TO THE  
22 DEPARTMENT:

23 (1) A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AS PRESCRIBED BY THE  
24 DEPARTMENT IN REGULATION;

25 (2) A \$250 REGISTRATION FEE THAT IS PAID TO THE  
26 DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL REGISTRATION AND EVERY 2 YEARS  
27 THEREAFTER BY THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE INITIAL  
28 REGISTRATION FEE WAS PAID; AND

1           **(3) A PLAN, DEVELOPED BY THE MANUFACTURER, TO**  
2 **IMPLEMENT THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS**  
3 **THAT:**

4           **(I) DESCRIBES THE RECYCLING PROGRAM TO BE**  
5 **IMPLEMENTED, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR:**

6                   1.   **COLLECTION, STORAGE, TRANSPORT, AND**  
7 **PROCESSING;**

8                   2.   **COLLECTION LOCATIONS;**

9                   3.   **RELATED PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS; AND**

10                  4.   **ANY OTHER INVOLVED PERSONS;**

11           **(II) MAY INCLUDE INFORMATION RELATING TO ANY**  
12 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER AND A**  
13 **RETAILER;**

14           **(III) DESCRIBES THE PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO BE USED**  
15 **TO DOCUMENT EFFORTS TO COLLECT AND RECYCLE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS;**

16           **(IV) INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL**  
17 **MATERIALS TO ENCOURAGE REUSE, RECYCLING, AND REDUCTION IN THE USE**  
18 **OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS; AND**

19           **(V) INCLUDES THE MAILING ADDRESS OR ELECTRONIC**  
20 **MAIL ADDRESS OF THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER.**

21           **(B) EACH PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER SHALL BE**  
22 **RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND**  
23 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
24 **SECTION.**

25           **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

26                   **(1) DEPOSIT ANY FEES COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)**  
27 **OF THIS SECTION IN THE STATE RECYCLING TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER**  
28 **§ 9-1707(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

29                   **(2) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A PLAN REQUIRED BY**  
30 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, POST ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE THE**



1 PLAN AND NOTICE OF A 30-DAY PERIOD FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN  
2 COMMENTS ON THE PLAN TO THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER;  
3 AND

4 (3) REVIEW EACH PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS  
5 SECTION.

6 (D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COMMENT ON A PLAN REQUIRED BY  
7 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (E) A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER WHO HAS DEVELOPED  
9 A PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

10 (1) ACCEPT WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE PLAN DURING  
11 THE 30-DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING POSTING OF THE PLAN AND NOTICE ON THE  
12 DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE; AND

13 (2) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ANY COMMENTS:

14 (I) RESPOND IN WRITING TO EACH PERSON SUBMITTING  
15 COMMENTS; AND

16 (II) REVISE THE PLAN, IF APPLICABLE, AND SUBMIT THE  
17 REVISED PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR POSTING ON THE DEPARTMENT'S  
18 WEB SITE.

19 (F) A PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
20 CONSIDERED FINAL:

21 (1) AT THE END OF THE 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD IF NO  
22 COMMENTS ARE SUBMITTED REGARDING THE PLAN WITHIN THAT PERIOD; OR

23 (2) AFTER THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER  
24 RESPONDS IN WRITING TO ALL COMMENTS THAT ARE SUBMITTED REGARDING  
25 THE PLAN WITHIN THE 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD AND, IF APPLICABLE,  
26 SUBMITS A REVISED PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT.

27 9-1736.

28 ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014, TO ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCESS,  
29 EDUCATION, AND RECYCLING OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS, EACH PLASTIC  
30 CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER SHALL:

1           **(1) ESTABLISH A WEB-BASED PROGRAM TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS**  
2 **OF THE STATE ABOUT RECYCLING PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS AND RECYCLING**  
3 **LOCATIONS; AND**

4           **(2) DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO ENCOURAGE REUSE,**  
5 **RECYCLING, AND REDUCTION OF THE USE OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS AND**  
6 **MAKE THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO RETAILERS.**

7 **9-1737.**

8           **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014, EACH PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG**  
9 **MANUFACTURER SHALL ESTABLISH GOALS TO INCLUDE AT LEAST 30% TOTAL**  
10 **RECYCLED CONTENT IN THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS IT MANUFACTURES FOR**  
11 **USE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THE STATE BY 2020.**

12 **9-1738.**

13           **(A) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014, A RETAILER MAY NOT PURCHASE**  
14 **PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS DIRECTLY FROM A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG**  
15 **MANUFACTURER FOR USE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THE STATE UNLESS:**

16           **(1) THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER IS**  
17 **REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1735 OF THIS**  
18 **PART;**

19           **(2) THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER'S FINAL PLAN**  
20 **IS POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1735**  
21 **OF THIS PART; AND**

22           **(3) THE NAME OF THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER**  
23 **IS PRINTED OR DISPLAYED ON THE BAG IN A MANNER THAT IS READILY**  
24 **IDENTIFIABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1733 OF THIS PART.**

25           **(B) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014, A DISTRIBUTOR OR WHOLESALER**  
26 **MAY NOT PURCHASE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS FROM A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG**  
27 **MANUFACTURER FOR USE OR DISTRIBUTION TO A RETAILER IN THE STATE**  
28 **UNLESS:**

29           **(1) THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER IS**  
30 **REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1735 OF THIS**  
31 **PART;**

1           **(2) THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER'S FINAL PLAN**  
2 **IS POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1735**  
3 **OF THIS PART; AND**

4           **(3) THE NAME OF THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER**  
5 **IS PRINTED OR DISPLAYED ON THE BAG IN A MANNER THAT IS READILY**  
6 **IDENTIFIABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1733 OF THIS PART.**

7 **9-1739.**

8           **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH**  
9 **PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT**  
10 **A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING**  
11 **PLAN DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR THAT INCLUDES:**

12           **(1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG**  
13 **MANUFACTURER'S COLLECTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM, INCLUDING**  
14 **COLLECTION AND PROCESSING LOCATIONS, SIGNAGE AT COLLECTION**  
15 **LOCATIONS, ANY OTHER INVOLVED PERSONS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THE**  
16 **PREVIOUS REPORT;**

17           **(2) THE TOTAL WEIGHT IN POUNDS OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS**  
18 **COLLECTED AND PROCESSED FOR RECYCLING BY THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG**  
19 **MANUFACTURER;**

20           **(3) THE TOTAL WEIGHT IN POUNDS OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS**  
21 **SOLD FOR USE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THE STATE BY THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG**  
22 **MANUFACTURER;**

23           **(4) THE TOTAL WEIGHT IN POUNDS OF POSTCONSUMER PLASTIC**  
24 **CARRYOUT BAGS THAT WERE PURCHASED FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THE**  
25 **STATE BY THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER;**

26           **(5) THE TOTAL WEIGHT IN POUNDS OF POSTCONSUMER PLASTIC**  
27 **CARRYOUT BAGS THAT WERE USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF NEW PLASTIC**  
28 **BAGS FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THE STATE BY THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT**  
29 **BAG MANUFACTURER;**

30           **(6) THE PERCENTAGE OF PRE-CONSUMER RECYCLED CONTENT**  
31 **AND POSTCONSUMER RECYCLED CONTENT IN THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS**  
32 **SOLD FOR USE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THE STATE BY THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG**  
33 **MANUFACTURER;**

1           **(7) SAMPLES OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO**  
2 **RETAILERS AND CONSUMERS BY THE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER;**

3  
4           **(8) THE RESULTS OF ANY CONSUMER SURVEYS DEMONSTRATING**  
5 **AWARENESS OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG RECYCLING LOCATIONS; AND**

6           **(9) THE DETAILS OF ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES THE PLASTIC**  
7 **CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURER TOOK TO ENCOURAGE PLASTIC BAG**  
8 **RECYCLING, INCLUDING ANY RECYCLING CAMPAIGNS, PROMOTIONS, AND**  
9 **EVENTS.**

10 **9-1740.**

11           **BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2015, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

12           **(1) MAINTAIN AND POST ON ITS WEB SITE A LIST OF ALL**  
13 **COLLECTION LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLANS AND ANNUAL REPORTS**  
14 **SUBMITTED BY PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURERS IN ACCORDANCE**  
15 **WITH § 9-1739 OF THIS PART; AND**

16           **(2) MAINTAIN AND POST ON ITS WEB SITE, AND IN OTHER**  
17 **FORMATS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, A LIST OF REGISTERED**  
18 **PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG MANUFACTURERS.**

19 **9-1741.**

20           **THIS PART DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION, OR**  
21 **ENFORCEMENT OF ANY LOCAL ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, REGULATION, OR**  
22 **RULE GOVERNING CURBSIDE OR DROP-OFF RECYCLING PROGRAMS OPERATED**  
23 **BY, OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH, A CONTRACT WITH A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY,**  
24 **INCLUDING ANY ACTION RELATING TO FEES FOR THESE PROGRAMS.**

25 **9-1742.**

26           **(A) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART IS LIABLE**  
27 **FOR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING:**

28           **(1) \$100 FOR A FIRST VIOLATION;**

29           **(2) \$250 FOR A SECOND VIOLATION; AND**

30           **(3) \$500 FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.**

1           **(B) (1) IF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATES A CIVIL ACTION TO**  
2 **ENFORCE THIS PART, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL RECOVER THE CIVIL**  
3 **PENALTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.**

4           **(2) IF THE STATE INITIATES A CIVIL ACTION TO ENFORCE THIS**  
5 **PART, THE CIVIL PENALTIES RECOVERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE**  
6 **DEPOSITED IN THE STATE RECYCLING TRUST FUND, ESTABLISHED UNDER §**  
7 **9-1707(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

8 **9-1743.**

9           **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**  
10 **PART.**

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1,  
12 2017, the Secretary of the Environment shall report to the General Assembly, in  
13 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

14           (1) The statewide results of the plastic carryout bag collection and  
15 recycling program implemented under this Act; and

16           (2) Findings and recommendations on whether the plastic carryout  
17 bag collection and recycling program should be made permanent and, if so, any  
18 modifications that should be made to improve the function and efficiency of the  
19 program.

20           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 8 years and, at the end of  
22 September 30, 2020, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
23 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.