

HOUSE BILL 896

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Statewide Green Business Certification Program –**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, ~~on or before a certain date,~~ the Department of the
5 Environment to establish and administer a statewide green business certification
6 program; requiring the green business certification program to recognize certain
7 businesses and provide consumers with certain information; requiring authorizing
8 the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to ~~establish~~
9 update and enhance the green business certification program ~~so that the program~~
10 ~~substantially conforms to~~ in consultation with a certain existing green business
11 certification program; and generally relating to the establishment of a statewide
12 green business certification program.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Environment

15 Section 1–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Green Business Certification
16 Program”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Environment

2 SUBTITLE 9. GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

3 1-901.

4 (A) ~~ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, THE~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
5 ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION
6 PROGRAM.

7 (B) THE GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SHALL:

8 (1) RECOGNIZE BUSINESSES THAT OPERATE IN A MANNER THAT
9 REDUCES THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT; AND

10 (2) PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH A WAY TO IDENTIFY BUSINESSES
11 THAT HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AS GREEN BUSINESSES.

12 (C) THE DEPARTMENT ~~SHALL~~ MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT
13 THIS SECTION.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall
15 ~~establish~~ update and enhance the statewide green business certification program required
16 under Section 1 of this Act ~~so that the program substantially conforms to the practices and~~
17 ~~certification requirements of~~ in consultation with the Montgomery County Green Business
18 Certification Program.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.