A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Gasoline–Powered Leaf Blowers – Sale, Offering for Sale, and Use – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of requiring a person that sells or offers for sale a gasoline–powered leaf blower in the State to notify the purchaser or potential purchaser that, beginning on a certain date, a person may not use a gasoline–powered leaf blower in the State; prohibiting the sale or offering for sale of gasoline–powered leaf blowers in the State beginning on a certain date; prohibiting the use of gasoline–powered leaf blowers in the State beginning on a certain date; and generally relating to the sale, offering for sale, and use of gasoline–powered leaf blowers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 3–406(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment
Section 3–601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Gasoline–Powered Leaf Blowers”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

3–406.
(a) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 3–601 OF THIS TITLE, A person who willfully violates any provision of this title or any rule, regulation, or order adopted or issued under this title is liable [to] FOR a civil penalty not exceeding $10,000, to be collected in a civil action brought by a political subdivision in the circuit court for any county. Each day a violation continues is a separate violation under this section.

**SUBTITLE 6. GASOLINE–POWERED LEAF BLOWERS.**

3–601.

(A) (1) ANY PERSON THAT SELLS OR OFFERS FOR SALE A GASOLINE–POWERED LEAF BLOWER IN THE STATE SHALL NOTIFY THE PURCHASER OR POTENTIAL PURCHASER THAT, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, A PERSON MAY NOT USE A GASOLINE–POWERED LEAF BLOWER IN THE STATE.

(2) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE A GASOLINE–POWERED LEAF BLOWER IN THE STATE.

(3) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, A PERSON MAY NOT USE A GASOLINE–POWERED LEAF BLOWER IN THE STATE.

(B) A PERSON THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(1) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, A WARNING; AND

(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING $500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.