

# SENATE BILL 490

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By: **Senators Ready and McCray**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Recycling Act – Recyclable Materials and Solid Waste Stream**  
3 **– Alteration**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definitions of “recyclable materials” and “solid waste  
5 stream” under the Maryland Recycling Act to include construction and demolition  
6 debris; and generally relating to the Maryland Recycling Act.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Environment  
9 Section 9–1701(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Environment  
14 Section 9–1701(p) and (s)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Environment**

20 9–1701.

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

22 (p) (1) “Recyclable materials” means those materials that:

23 (i) Would otherwise become solid waste for disposal in a refuse

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 disposal system; and

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

4 (2) **“RECYCLABLE MATERIALS” INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION AND**  
5 **DEMOLITION DEBRIS, SUCH AS RUBBLE, SCRAP MATERIAL, AND LAND CLEARING**  
6 **DEBRIS.**

7 (3) “Recyclable materials” does not include incinerator ash.

8 (s) (1) “Solid waste stream” means garbage or refuse that would, unless  
9 recycled, be disposed of in a refuse disposal system.

10 (2) “Solid waste stream” includes [organic]:

11 (I) **ORGANIC** material capable of being composted that is not  
12 composted in accordance with regulations adopted under § 9–1725(b) of this subtitle; **AND**

13 (II) **CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS, SUCH AS**  
14 **RUBBLE, SCRAP MATERIAL, AND LAND CLEARING DEBRIS.**

15 (3) “Solid waste stream” does not include:

16 (i) Hospital waste;

17 [(ii) Rubble;

18 (iii) Scrap material;

19 (iv) Land clearing debris;]

20 [(v)] (II) Sewage sludge; or

21 [(vi)] (III) Waste generated by a single individual or business and  
22 disposed of in a facility dedicated solely for that entity’s waste.

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