

SENATE BILL 782

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CF HB 586

By: Senator Hester

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Procurement – Purchasing Preferences – Compost, Mulch, and Soil**
3 **Amendments and Recycled Aggregate**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each unit of State government to give preference to certain
5 products produced from recycled or organic materials when purchasing compost,
6 mulch, or other soil amendments or recycled aggregate; and generally relating to the
7 procurement of compost, mulch, and soil amendments or recycled aggregate.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – State Finance and Procurement

10 Section 14–409

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

16 14–409.

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) “AGGREGATE” MEANS GRAVEL, CRUSHED STONE, SAND, AND
20 OTHER SIMILAR MATERIALS.

21 (3) “PREFERENCE” MEANS:

22 (I) A PERCENTAGE PRICE PREFERENCE; AND

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



4 **[(a)] (B)** A State or local unit responsible for the maintenance of public lands in
5 the State, to the maximum extent practicable, shall give consideration and preference to
6 the use of compost in any land maintenance activity that is to be paid for with public funds.

7 [(b)] (C) It is the goal of the Department of General Services to:

(1) compost, to the extent practicable, all landscape waste on State property that is under its operation for use as fertilizer in landscaping activities; and

10 (2) increase the percentage of landscaped area fertilized by compost each
11 year.

12 (D) (1) IN PURCHASING COMPOST, MULCH, OR OTHER SOIL AMENDMENTS
13 OR RECYCLED AGGREGATE, EACH UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL GIVE
14 PREFERENCE TO PRODUCTS PRODUCED FROM MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, FOOD
15 WASTE, SLUDGE, YARD WASTE, CLEAN WOOD WASTE, OR OTHER RECYCLED OR
16 ORGANIC MATERIALS, PROVIDED THAT:

17 (I) THE PRODUCTS ARE COMPETITIVELY PRICED; AND

18 (II) THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCTS IS SATISFACTORY FOR THE
19 INTENDED PURPOSES.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2023.