

SENATE BILL 619

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Solid Waste Containers – Cleaning and Sanitization**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing requirements for the cleaning and sanitization of certain
5 solid waste containers; and generally relating to the cleaning and sanitization of
6 solid waste containers.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Environment
9 Section 9–264
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Environment
14 Section 9–268
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **9–264.**

21 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
22 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) "CLEAN AND SANITIZE" MEANS TO REMOVE RESIDUE, CONTAMINANTS, ODORS, AND HARMFUL MICROORGANISMS FROM ALL CONTAINER SURFACES.

(3) "PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE" MEANS A LICENSED ENTITY CAPABLE OF:

(I) CLEANING AND SANITIZING SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS; AND

(II) AS NECESSARY, TESTING SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS FOR HARMFUL BACTERIA AND PATHOGENS USING METHODS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(4) "SOLID WASTE CONTAINER" MEANS A TRASH BIN, DUMPSTER, OR SIMILAR RECEPTACLE USED FOR THE STORAGE OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A SOLID WASTE CONTAINER USED FOR THE STORAGE OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE FROM A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME.

(C) (1) THE OWNER OF A SOLID WASTE CONTAINER SHALL CONTRACT WITH A PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE TO CLEAN AND SANITIZE THE SOLID WASTE CONTAINER AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH.

(2) A PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE CONTRACTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) IMPLEMENT CLEANING AND SANITIZATION PROTOCOLS THAT INCLUDE:

1. THE USE OF DISINFECTANTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

2. HIGH-PRESSURE WASHING; AND

3. THE REMOVAL OF ALL ODORS AND VISIBLE RESIDUES; AND

(II) MAINTAIN DOCUMENTATION OF EACH CLEANING AND SANITIZATION SERVICE RENDERED TO THE OWNER OF A SOLID WASTE CONTAINER FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS AFTER THE SERVICE DATE.

(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$250 ON A PERSON THAT VIOLATES SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DELEGATE ITS ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(3) A PENALTY MAY NOT BE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS:

(I) THE DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FIRST ISSUES A WRITTEN NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO THE PERSON; AND

(II) THE VIOLATION IS NOT CORRECTED WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE WRITTEN NOTICE.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

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Except for violations of Part III of this subtitle and violations enforced under §§ 9–229(b), **9–264(D)**, 9–267, and 9–268.1 of this subtitle, the provisions of §§ 9–334 through 9–344 of this title shall be used and shall apply to enforce violations of:

(1) This subtitle;

(2) Any regulation adopted under this subtitle; or

(3) Any order or permit issued under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.