

SENATE BILL 619

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Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2026

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.



6 (I) CLEANING AND SANITIZING SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS;
7 AND

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

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

20 (I) IMPLEMENT CLEANING AND SANITIZATION PROTOCOLS
21 THAT INCLUDE:

2. HIGH-PRESSURE WASHING; AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 9–268.

18 Except for violations of Part III of this subtitle and violations enforced under §§
19 9–229(b), **9–264(D)**, 9–267, and 9–268.1 of this subtitle, the provisions of §§ 9–334 through
20 9–344 of this title shall be used and shall apply to enforce violations of:

- 21 (1) This subtitle;
- 22 (2) Any regulation adopted under this subtitle; or
- 23 (3) Any order or permit issued under this subtitle.

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