

# SENATE BILL 621

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senators Watson and Salling**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – State Fire Prevention Code – Trash and Recyclable Materials**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Fire Prevention Commission to adopt regulations  
4 that incorporate by reference certain provisions of the National Fire Prevention  
5 Association Life Safety Code in the State Fire Prevention Code and authorize certain  
6 trash and recyclable materials to be placed in certain locations in accordance with  
7 the regulations; and generally relating to the State Fire Prevention Code.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Public Safety  
10 Section 6–206(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 6–206.

17 (a) (1) (i) To protect life and property from the hazards of fire and  
18 explosion, the Commission shall adopt comprehensive regulations as a State Fire  
19 Prevention Code.

20 (ii) The State Fire Prevention Code shall comply with standard safe  
21 practice as embodied in widely recognized standards of good practice for fire prevention and  
22 fire protection.

23 (iii) The State Fire Prevention Code has the force and effect of law in  
24 the political subdivisions of the State.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)   (i)    Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the  
2 regulations adopted under this subsection do not apply to existing installations, plants, or  
3 equipment.

4                   (ii)   If the Commission determines that an installation, plant, or  
5 equipment is a hazard so [inimicable] **HARMFUL** to the public safety as to require  
6 correction, the regulations adopted under this subsection apply to the installation, plant,  
7 or equipment.

8                   **(3)   REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:**

9                   **(i)    INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE SECTIONS 30.7.5 AND 31.7.5**  
10 **OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE (2024**  
11 **EDITION); AND**

12                   **(ii)   PERMIT TRASH AND RECYCLING MATERIALS AWAITING**  
13 **SCHEDULED COLLECTION TO BE PLACED IN CORRIDORS AND EXITS IN ACCORDANCE**  
14 **WITH THE PROVISIONS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
16 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
17 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
18 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
19 enacted.