

SENATE BILL 621

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF HB 848

By: **Senators Watson and Salling**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

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

(3) REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE SECTIONS 30.7.5 AND 31.7.5 OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE (2024 EDITION); AND

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.