



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

*Environmental Protection and Restoration
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House Bill 354

Solid Waste Management- Personal Cleansing Products Provided at Lodging Establishments- Prohibition

CBF POSITION: **SUPPORT**

To: Economic Matters Committee

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The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) SUPPORTS HB 354. This bill would prohibit a lodging establishment from providing small plastic bottles of personal cleansing products.

Plastics pollution harms shorelines and water habitats and threatens aquatic life. As plastic pollution breaks down, it forms microplastics. These microplastics create an imbalance in the food chain in Chesapeake Bay, disrupting the primary food source for many marine animals.

This legislation attempts to reduce plastic pollution at the source through reducing the number of plastic products distributed in motel, a hotel, a resort, a bed and breakfast inn, and a vacation rental unit in Maryland.

For these reasons, CBF SUPPORTS HB354 and urges a FAVORABLE report. For more information, please contact Carmera Thomas, Baltimore Program Manager at 443.482.2011 or carmerathomas@cbf.org.

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