



**The Maryland Department of the Environment
Secretary Serena McIlwain**

***House Bill 858
Mattress Stewardship Program - Establishment***

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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) offers the following **INFORMATIONAL** testimony on HB 858.

Bill Summary

HB 858 would address the collection and end-of-life management of mattresses and would be planned and implemented by producers of mattresses or a representative organization acting on a producer's behalf. Under the bill, a retailer would be prohibited from selling a mattress unless its producer is a member of an approved program. The bill would also prohibit a person from disposing of a mattress in an incinerator or landfill on or after January 1, 2031, except for certain situations.

Key Points

Generally, diverting mattresses from landfills would help Maryland meet its waste diversion goals, and MDE estimates that there are between 22 and 35 years of remaining permitted landfill space in the State. HB 858 would establish programmatic responsibilities for MDE relating to mattress recycling and reuse, including requiring MDE's Office of Recycling to review and approve plans and reports submitted by the program, providing information to local communities on local and national programs for recycling and reuse of mattresses, and providing examples of mattress recycling programs that create jobs. MDE would need additional resources to meet the requirements in HB 858, including further staff to adhere to complete regulation development, plan review, and compliance oversight and enforcement.

Accordingly, MDE respectfully requests the Committee consider this information during its deliberation.