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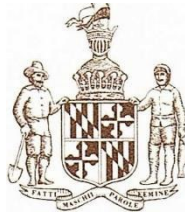
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HB984 Mattress Stewardship Program – Establishment

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Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

House Bill 984 establishes a statewide Mattress Stewardship Program to reduce mattress disposal in landfills and incinerators and increase recycling across Maryland. In the 2025 Session, essentially identical legislation was passed by this committee, Economic Matters, and the House (97-30) only to die Sine die in the Senate.

Mattresses take up significant landfill space, damage waste management equipment, contribute to pollution when incinerated, and contain non-biodegradable and potentially hazardous materials. Conversely, disaggregation of mattresses into their component wood, metal, and textiles yields quality material for re-use and recycling. As demonstrated by, for example, by the St. Vincent De Paul Society in Oregon, programs that support mattress disaggregation and directing of component parts to diversion, reduction, re-use and recycling (DR3) has been modeled successfully for over 20 years, run profitably, and created good paying, and certification level jobs for the traditional hard to employ. In California, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, as of 2023, over 13.2 million mattresses have been collected and more than 255,000 tons of material have been recycled.

HB984 creates a producer-responsibility waste management program for the collection, recycling, and proper management of discarded mattresses that supports the work being done currently in many jurisdictions, encourages business expansion, economic investment, and job creation, while promoting environmental sustainability.

I urge a favorable report, just as in 2025.

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