

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to hold public hearings before issuing a permit for the ~~collection, handling, burning, storage, or transportation of sewage sludge; and making this Act an emergency measure~~ construction of a sludge composting facility; correcting a certain obsolete agency designation; clarifying language; providing for procedures for periodic application and issuance of certain permits; and granting the Department certain powers and duties; and exempting Anne Arundel County from the provisions of this Act sites with permits pending before a certain date.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 394(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
{1971 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement}

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health
 Section ~~394(b)~~ 394A
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1971 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

394.

(E) ~~(1)~~ A PERMIT TO OPERATE A LANDFILL REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OR SLUDGE COMPOSTING FACILITY SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE PERMIT SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED UPON WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT. IF THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT GRANT WRITTEN RENEWAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE PERMIT'S EXPIRATION BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT, THE PERMITTEE SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD, OR FILE A NEW APPLICATION.

~~(2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.~~

394.

~~(b) An individual or corporation for commercial purposes and a municipality, county, district, or institution may not engage in collection, handling, burning,~~