

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

Senate Bill No. 403

AN ACT concerning

Infectious Waste - Penalties for Disposal

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain health care facilities from disposing or causing the disposal of infectious waste in a landfill system in this State; deleting a certain definition; altering a certain definition; repealing certain penalties for the certain disposal of infectious waste; and providing that violations of the statute prohibiting the disposal of infectious waste in a landfill system in this State are liable for certain penalties under the controlled Hazardous Substance Act; and generally relating to penalties for the disposal of infectious waste.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment
Section 9-227 and 9-267
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Environment

9-227.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) ["Clinic" has the meaning given by the regulations of the Department.

(3) (i) "Infectious waste" means any waste that comes from a hospital, ~~clinic~~-or laboratory, OR OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY AS DEFINED IN § 19-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE and that is known or suspected to be contaminated with organisms capable of producing disease or infection in humans.

(ii) "Infectious waste" includes:

1. ~~Disposable~~ CONTAMINATED DISPOSABLE equipment, instruments, and utensils;
2. Contaminated needles, scalpels, and razor blades;