

CHAPTER 389
(House Bill 1088)

AN ACT concerning

Solid Waste Management – Composting

FOR the purpose of promoting composting as a viable method of managing solid waste in the State; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt as regulations certain product standards for compost; requiring certain units of State and local government to give certain consideration and preference to the use of compost for certain purposes; ~~requiring reprocessing or disposal of compost which does not meet certain standards under certain circumstances~~ excluding compost from the definition of solid waste; requiring counties to address certain forms of composting in certain recycling plans; ~~requiring~~ allowing certain yard waste to be transported to a composting facility under certain circumstances; prohibiting an owner or operator of a refuse disposal system from accepting certain yard waste unless the waste is to be composted or mulched under certain circumstances; ~~requiring the Department of the Environment to prepare a certain report by a certain date~~; requiring certain units of State government to review certain specifications and practices, and to incorporate certain practices; providing certain exceptions; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date for portions of this Act; and generally relating to the regulation of certain composting processes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 6-201(w)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 6-221
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9-101(j) and 9-1703(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment