

CHAPTER 491

(Senate Bill 554)

AN ACT concerning

Reduction of Toxics in Packaging

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain manufacturers and distributors from selling or offering for sale or promotional purposes after a certain time certain packaging materials to which certain toxics have been intentionally introduced during the manufacturing or distribution process; establishing by a certain time maximum allowable concentration levels for certain toxics that are incidentally present in certain packaging materials; providing certain exemptions; authorizing a person to apply for a conditional exemption under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of the Environment to grant certain exemptions under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to require certain persons to provide certain certificates of compliance under certain circumstances; providing for the form and scope of certain certificates of compliance; authorizing the Department to require the withdrawal of certain packages and packaging components from sale or promotional use within the State under certain circumstances; providing certain civil and criminal penalties for certain violations; authorizing the Department to seek injunctive relief under certain circumstances; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; ~~requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain persons by a certain date; establishing the contents of the report;~~ defining certain terms; providing that certain steel products shall be considered as single packaging components; and generally relating to the reduction of toxics in packaging.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9-1901 through 9-1907, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 19.
Toxics in Packaging”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment**SUBTITLE 19. TOXICS IN PACKAGING**

9-1901.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “DISTRIBUTOR” MEANS ANY PERSON THAT: