



Zero Waste Update

2021 General Assembly

**Reducing Plastic Pollution/Producer Responsibility/
Recycling, Reuse, Diversion**

March 3, 2021

Reducing Plastic Pollution

- **Plastic Bag Reduction Act**
(HB 314/SB 223)



Passed House Committees House 2nd reading 3/4

- **Ban on Intentional Release of Balloons** (HB 391/SB 716)

Passed House Senate Committee

- **Single-use plastics & toiletries on request** (HB 69)



Producer Responsibility

- **Maryland Paint Stewardship Program**

(HB 127) **Passed House** **Senate Committee**

- **Beverage Container Deposit Program**

(HB 99)



- **Producer Responsibility: Packaging & Paper Products** (HB 36)

- **Synthetic Turf Chain of Custody** (HB 857)



- **Mattress Stewardship Program** (HB 1146)



Recycling, reuse, diversion

- **Incinerator ash is not recycling** (HB 280/SB 304)
Passed House-> Senate committee. Passed Senate-> House committees.
- **Removal of composting restrictions, HOAs and condos** (HB 248) Passed House Committee House Floor 3/4
- **Organics diversion for major generators of food waste**
(HB264/SB 483) House Committee debating amendments
- **Ban on “chemical” or “advanced” recycling of plastic** (HB 21)
- **Right to Repair** (HB 84/SB 412)

