

Chapter 134

(Senate Bill 226)

AN ACT concerning

Annual Curative Bill

FOR the purpose of generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects; prohibiting a recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a condominium association from prohibiting or unreasonably restricting a certain owner from contracting with a private entity for the collection of organic waste materials for composting at a composting facility; prohibiting a recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a homeowners association from prohibiting or unreasonably restricting a certain owner from composting organic waste materials for certain uses under certain circumstances or contracting with a private entity for the collection of organic waste materials for composting at a composting facility; and generally repealing and reenacting without amendments certain Acts of the General Assembly that may be subject to possible title defects in order to validate those Acts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 11–111.5(b) and 11B–111.9(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Real Property

11–111.5.

(b) A recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a condominium may not prohibit or unreasonably restrict a unit owner from contracting with a private entity to collect organic waste materials from the unit owner for composting at a composting facility.

11B–111.9.

(b) A recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a homeowners association may not prohibit or unreasonably restrict a lot owner from:

(1) Composting organic waste materials for the lot owner's personal or

household use, provided that the lot owner:

(i) Owns or has the right to exclusive use of the area where the composting is conducted; and

(ii) Observes all laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State and local jurisdiction that pertain to composting; or

(2) Contracting with a private entity to collect organic waste materials from the lot owner for composting at a composting facility.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Purpose paragraph of bill being cured failed to accurately describe the changes made by the bill.

Occurred: Chapter 459 (House Bill 248) of the Acts of 2021.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Drafter's Notes contained in this Act are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2022.