

HOUSE BILL 91

M3

3lr0810

HB 987/20 – ECM & ENT

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Amprey**

Requested: November 15, 2022

Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2023

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Recycling – Hotels**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an owner, an operator, or a manager of a hotel to provide
4 recycling for the guests of the hotel and recycle certain materials on or before a
5 certain date; authorizing a county to require an owner, an operator, or a manager of
6 a hotel to report recycling activities to the county in a certain manner; authorizing
7 an enforcement unit, officer, or official of a county, a municipality, or any other local
8 government to conduct inspections of a hotel to enforce certain provisions of this Act;
9 and generally relating to recycling in hotels.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Environment
12 Section 9–1711.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Environment**

18 **9–1711.1.**

19 **(A) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, AN OWNER, AN OPERATOR, OR A**
20 **MANAGER OF A HOTEL SHALL:**

21 **(1) PROVIDE RECYCLING FOR THE GUESTS OF THE HOTEL,**
22 **INCLUDING:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(I) THE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FROM GUESTS AND COMMON AREAS OF THE HOTEL; AND

(II) THE REMOVAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTED FROM GUESTS AND COMMON AREAS OF THE HOTEL FOR FURTHER RECYCLING; AND

(2) RECYCLE ALL GLASS, PLASTIC, ALUMINUM, PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS THAT ARE:

(I) USED BY THE HOTEL STAFF OR GUESTS; AND

(II) DISPOSED OF AT THE HOTEL.

(B) THE RECYCLING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECYCLING PLAN REQUIRED UNDER § 9-1703 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE HOTEL IS LOCATED.

(C) A COUNTY MAY REQUIRE AN OWNER, AN OPERATOR, OR A MANAGER OF A HOTEL TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY ON RECYCLING ACTIVITIES IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY.

(D) AN ENFORCEMENT UNIT, OFFICER, OR OFFICIAL OF A COUNTY, A MUNICIPALITY, OR ANY OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF A HOTEL TO ENFORCE SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(E) (1) A PERSON THAT VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) OR (B) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$150 FOR EACH DAY ON WHICH THE VIOLATION EXISTS.

(2) ANY PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID TO THE COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT BROUGHT THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

(F) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

(1) AFFECT THE AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY, A MUNICIPALITY, OR ANY OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ENACT AND ENFORCE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR A HOTEL THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; OR

(2) REQUIRE A COUNTY TO MANAGE OR ENFORCE THE RECYCLING ACTIVITIES OF A HOTEL.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2023.