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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of the Environment – End-of-Life Management of Mattresses –**
3 **Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to study, identify, and
5 make recommendations regarding certain matters that relate to the
6 end-of-life management of mattresses in the State; requiring the Department to
7 consult with certain State agencies and certain persons in carrying out certain
8 activities; requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to
9 the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain
10 date; and generally relating to the end-of-life management of mattresses.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That:

13 (a) The Department of the Environment shall:

14 (1) study the end-of-life management of mattresses in the State, including
15 further examination of the State's objectives regarding mattresses that are identified in
16 Maryland's Zero Waste Plan;

17 (2) study the laws, regulations, and programs of other states governing the
18 end-of-life management of mattresses, including states identified as having mattress
19 extended producer responsibility programs by the Department of Legislative Services in its
20 January 2017 study on solid waste management and recycling in Maryland;

21 (3) study the feasibility of implementing a mattress recycling program in
22 the State, including the feasibility of implementing an extended producer responsibility
23 program for mattresses in the State;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) identify local government programs in the State that provide for the end-of-life management of mattresses;

(5) identify for-profit and not-for-profit entities that can, with minimal State funding, facilitate the end-of-life management of mattresses in the State;

(6) recommend how a mattress recycling program can be used to facilitate goals for full employment in the State, including the creation of jobs for homeless individuals, disadvantaged youth, individuals with disabilities, and individuals who were incarcerated in a local, State, or federal correctional facility;

(7) recommend goals for reducing the number of mattresses going into landfills in the State over a defined period of time; and

(8) recommend measures to promote the end-of-life management of mattresses in the State, including measures to reduce the number of mattresses going into landfills in the State.

(b) In conducting the activities required under subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall consult with:

(1) the Department of Commerce;

(2) the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

(3) the Maryland Environmental Service;

(4) representatives of local government; and

(5) representatives of for-profit and not-for-profit entities that have expertise with the end-of-life management of mattresses.

(c) On or before December 31, 2017, the Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.