

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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Bill No. 62-09

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Mr. Vincent J. Gardina, Councilman

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By the County Council, August 3, 2009

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Recycling of Home Electronic Devices

FOR the purpose of requiring that home electronic devices be recycled; defining terms; providing the methods of recycling; providing penalties; and generally relating to the recycling of home electronic devices.

By adding

Section 13-4-213.1  
Article 13 - Public Health, Safety and the Environment  
Title 4 - Solid Waste  
Baltimore County Code 2003

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 13-4-213.1 be and it is hereby added to Article 13 - Public  
3 Health, Safety and the Environment, Title 4 - Solid Waste, of the Baltimore County Code 2003, to  
4 read as follows:  
5 §13-3-213.1. RECYCLING OF HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

2 (2) "HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICE" MEANS A COMPUTER, CPU, COMPUTER  
3 PERIPHERALS, INCLUDING A MONITOR, KEYBOARD OR PRINTER, LAPTOP, SCANNER,  
4 COMPUTER CABLES AND CORDS, TELEVISION, STEREO, TELEPHONE ANSWERING  
5 MACHINE, VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER, DVD PLAYER, FACSIMILE MACHINE,  
6 TELEPHONE, CELL PHONE, VIDEO DISPLAY DEVICE, AND ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC  
7 PRODUCT THAT IS SOLD, PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL USE, TO A HOUSEHOLD BY  
8 MEANS OF RETAIL, WHOLESALE OR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE. THE TERM DOES NOT  
9 INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, SUCH AS CLOTHES WASHERS, CLOTHES  
10 DRYERS, REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, OVENS, RANGES OR DISHWASHERS.

11 (3) "MANUFACTURER" MEANS A PERSON THAT IS THE BRAND OWNER OF A  
12 HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT IS SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE COUNTY  
13 BY RETAIL, WHOLESALE OR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE.

14 (4) "RECYCLING FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY  
15 FOR THE RECEIPT AND RECYCLING OF HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

16 (5) "RETAILER" MEANS A PERSON WHO SELLS OR LEASES A HOME  
17 ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO A HOUSEHOLD BY RETAIL, WHOLESALE OR ELECTRONIC  
18 COMMERCE.

19 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT DISPOSE OF A HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICE EXCEPT AS  
20 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

21 A PERSON MAY DISPOSE OF A HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICE BY DELIVERING THE  
22 DEVICE:

1 (1) TO A RECYCLING FACILITY; OR  
2 (2) TO A MANUFACTURER OR RETAILER THAT HAS ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM  
3 FOR THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICES.  
4 (C) A PERSON WHO DISPOSES OF A HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICE IN VIOLATION OF  
5 ~~THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO~~  
6 ~~A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$500.~~ THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF  
7 \$100.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect forty-five  
9 days after its enactment.