

# MRN/SWANA Mid-Atlantic Annual Conference

Legislative & Regulatory Review for  
The Maryland General Assembly  
Session 2018



# 2018 Legislation:

- HB 538/SB 651 – Environment – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products Prohibition
- HB 850 – Solid Waste Management and Recycling – Mattresses and Box Springs.
- HB 1242 – Solar Photovoltaic Recycling
- SB 445- Requires drivers to slow down and safely change lanes when approaching solid waste and recycling vehicles from behind



## Other Issues We Are Likely to See Again:

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)/Disposal Bans – These issues arise across the country on different products:
  - Paint Care legislation
  - Electronics recycling
  - Mattress recycling
  - Plastic bag bans



# House Bill 124 – Solid Waste and Recycling Facilities

- Authorizes Maryland Department of the Environment to Revise the Regulatory Structure for Recycling Facilities in consultation stakeholders.
- Workgroup of public and private stakeholders meets monthly
- Subcommittees formed to address specific types of facilities/products such as concrete/asphalt; paper; electronics; scrap metal; plastics; single stream; anaerobic digestion
- Review of other State's regulatory requirements



# Regulatory Provisions to Be Considered by the Workgroup:

- Conditions under which a recycling facility does not require a refuse disposal permit
- Exemption of materials that are managed at a recycling facility from being designated as solid waste
- Development of design, construction, and operational conditions to protect public health and the environment and minimize nuisances.
- Tiered system of permits or approvals for recycling facilities based on materials managed, method of management and storage, etc.
- Exceptions for obtaining a permit



# HB 171- Commercial composting work group

- Determine the diversion of yard waste, food residuals, and other organic materials from refuse disposal facilities
- Identify existing laws and regulations of other states
- Determine the existing programs for the diversion of yard waste, food residuals, and other organic materials
- Identify ways to promote and incentivize composting
- Identify ways to create a decentralized and diverse processing infrastructure
- Determine methods for preventing or reducing organic waste generation
- Identify obstacles in the permitting process for composting and anaerobic digestion facilities



# Investigate current Maryland laws and regulations

Laws governing diversion & source reduction of :

- Traditional recycling
- Composting
- Natural wood waste recycling
- Anaerobic digestion



# Maryland laws and regulations

Current laws on:

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Renewable Energy
- Liability for food donations
- Food recovery in schools
- Tax credits
- Date labeling of food products
- Use of food scraps as animal feed

