



**Maryland**  
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# Needs Assessment Model Comparison to SB 901 and Proposed Timeline

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# Model Comparison to SB 901





# Commercial Access

## Needs Assessment

Sectors of commercial entities that would receive curbside recycling services under EPR

- Retail Trade
- Finance and Insurance
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
- Educational Services
- Arts, Entertainment and recreation
- Accommodation and Food Services

**Total: 77,963 businesses**

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- a child care center, as defined in § 9.5–401 of the education article; and
- a public building owned or operated by the state or a local government.



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- Retail Trade
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- Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
- **Educational Services** (2,245 businesses)
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- Accommodation and Food Services

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# Commercial - Covered Material

## Needs Assessment

Commercial tonnage is included in the model for:

- Single Stream
- Source Separated (OCC and Paper)

## SB 901

“**Packaging**” means a material substance, or an object that is... sold or supplied with the product to the consumer for **personal, noncommercial use**

“**Exempt material**” means a material, or any portion of a material, that is... material that a producer distributes to another producer that is:

- (i) subsequently used to **contain a product**, and the product is distributed to a **commercial business or entity**; and
- (ii) not introduced to a person other than the **commercial or business** entity that **first** received the product

Packaging only



# Other Materials

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## **Included in modelling, exempt in SB 901\***

- Newspaper/newsprint
- Some magazines
- Books
- Infant formula
- Long-term storage
- Unsafe/unsanitary paper products
- Hazardous/flammable products (HHW was not included in modelling)

\*For a complete definition of “exempt material”, please refer to [HB 901](#)

# Timeline





# Draft Timeline

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June 1, 2025	Act takes effect MDE begins drafting regulations/developing a statewide list of covered materials (~9 mo to 1 yr)
April 1, 2026	PRO prepares the registration system (~4 mo)
<b><u>July 1, 2026</u></b>	PRO submits registration form and pays annual registration fee Producers may develop and operate an alternative collection program
<b><u>July 1, 2028</u></b>	PRO submits plan to MDE
Oct 29, 2028	MDE approves plan
April 29, 2029	Implementation of producer responsibility plan begins, start collecting fees
<b><u>July 1, 2029</u></b>	PRO submits first annual report
<b><u>July 1, 2033</u></b>	Pro submits revised plan to MDE MDE may designate another PRO.
<b><u>July 30, 2034</u></b>	Conduct Needs Assessment



# References

1. [Maryland Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment](#)
2. [SB 901 - Packaging and Paper Products – Producer Responsibility Plans](#)