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

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

§13-3-213.1. RECYCLING OF HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICES.
(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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

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

(4)“RECYCLING FACILITY” MEANS A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY FOR THE RECEIPT AND RECYCLING OF HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

(5) “RETAILER” MEANS A person who sells or leases a HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO A HOUSEHOLD BY RETAIL, WHOLESALE OR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE.

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

A PERSON MAY DISPOSE OF A HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICE BY DELIVERING THE DEVICE:
(1) TO A RECYCLING FACILITY; OR

(2) TO A MANUFACTURER OR RETAILER THAT HAS ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM
FOR THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

(C) A PERSON WHO DISPOSES OF A HOME ELECTRONIC DEVICE IN VIOLATION OF
THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO
A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN $500. THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF
$100.

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