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**Resolution**

[HB-0092](#)

**Title:** Beverage Containers Connected With Plastic Rings–Restriction

**Sponsored by:** Delegates Schindler, Behler, Guyton, Kaufman, Mireku–North, and Ziegler

**Committee Assignment:** Environment and Transportation

**FOR** prohibiting the sale of beverage containers that are held together by plastic ring connectors, unless said connectors are made of biodegradable material; delegating enforcement of the restriction to the Maryland Department of the Environment effective October 1st, 2026.

**Proposed Position: SUPPORT**

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WHEREAS, plastic ring connectors pose a significant threat to Maryland’s environment, frequently entangling wildlife and contributing to the accumulation of non-biodegradable waste in local waterways; and

WHEREAS, the bill prohibits the sale of beverage containers held together by plastic rings unless they are made of biodegradable material, thereby incentivizing the transition toward sustainable packaging; and

WHEREAS, reducing the use of harmful plastics directly correlates with the long-term health of the Chesapeake Bay and the various ecosystems that Maryland students reside in and study; and

WHEREAS, MASC’s platform states support in “[m]aintaining a comprehensive recycling program in all school systems and communities” (Plank VII; C), “[s]tate and community initiatives that promote sustainable ecosystems and lifestyles” (Plank VII; F), and “[p]romoting the use of composting by schools” (Plank VII; H); therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Maryland Association of Student Councils supports HB-0092

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“An In Situ Study to Understand Community Structure of Estuarine Microbes on the Plasticsphere” by Ana Sosa and Feng Chen,  
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