



American Forest & Paper Association

State Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Legislative Status

State		Bill Number	Summary	Report Date
Maryland	EPR	HB 36	The House hearing took place on February 9. AF&PA submitted testimony and spoke in opposition to the bill. The only other group to testify in opposition to the bill was the Maryland Retailers. AMERIPEN was neutral on the bill and gave informational testimony and the Maryland/Delaware waste haulers group weighed in as favorable with amendments but noted that they had "a lot of amendments" and their favorable was primarily strategic. The bill sponsor continued to make statements that paper can't be a "free rider" during the hearing. AF&PA will continue to engage on the bill and is sending follow-up comments for the Environment subcommittee based on discussions during the hearing.	2/8/2021
New York	EPR	S.1185	Bill passed committee on February 3 and the Senate sponsor has requested that stakeholders offer amendments which AF&PA is drafting. The Assembly still does not have a companion bill but they have indicated that if they receive the bill or a companion is put forward, they would want to pass it by Earth Day. The Governor has not made a public statement at this point on positioning for the EPR bill. AF&PA gave a presentation to the Climate Action Council's Waste Advisory Panel on our concerns with their recommendation that EPR is the optimal structure for supporting GHG emission reductions through waste reduction and recycling.	2/8/2021
Massachusetts	EPR	H1553	This EPR bill includes chemicals of concern considerations; therefore, more industries are likely to oppose. MA hasn't decided committee leadership and has a full-time two-year session so while there's a chance it could move quickly, it's more likely that we have time on this one.	2/11/2021



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Vermont	EPR	H.142	Bill was introduced but no hearing is scheduled yet. There is usually a week between introduction and the start of hearings on the bill, so AF&PA will monitor closely.	2/11/2021
Maine	EPR		Legislation not introduced yet, titles only. The wait continues	