

**THE SOLID WASTE REGULATION AND
MANAGEMENT ACT, 2018**

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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 20 of 2018

Date of Assent: 23rd December, 2018

An Act to provide for the sustainable regulation and management of solid waste; general and self-service solid waste services; the incorporation of solid waste management companies and define their statutory functions; the licensing and functions of solid waste service providers, operators and self-service solid waste providers and provide for their functions; the regulation, operation, maintenance and construction of landfills and other disposal facilities; the setting and approval of tariffs for management of solid waste and provision of solid waste services; and matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

[26th December, 2018]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Solid Waste Regulation and Management Act, 2018, and shall come into operation on the date that the local Government Act, 2019 comes into operation.

Short title
and
commencement
Act No. of
2019

2. (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation

“ agricultural waste ” means waste generated from agricultural activities, including bird and animal carcasses;

“ appropriate authority ” means the Minister responsible for, or public body, statutory body or person, having powers or regulatory functions under any other written law or executive instrument over, impacting on, or relating to,